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HOPEFUL OUTLOOK FOR 1935

INDUSTRIAL EXPANSION SHOULD CONTINUE

WORLD-WIDE CONDITIONS NOW GENERALLY ENCOURAGING

LONDON, TO-DAY.
THE YEAR 1935 SHOULD SEE THE MAINTENANCE AND EXPANSION OF THE PRESENT INDUSTRIAL ACTIVITY IN BRITAIN, THOUGH STAGNATION IN WORLD TRADE WILL PREVENT ANY VIOLENT ACCELERATION, WHILE THE POSSIBILITY OF A GENERAL ELECTION AT THE END OF THE YEAR IS ALSO A RESTRAINING FACTOR, ACCORDING TO INDUSTRIALISTS AND BROKERS.

Cotton and heavy industries are expected to benefit from reorganisation and other measures taken in 1934. The attitude of Wall Street recently has been encouraging and definite progress has been made by industry; moreover, the effects of the dollar devaluation and the huge public works expenditure have, not yet been fully felt.

SHIPWRECK ON NEW YEAR'S EVE

But 171 Passengers Celebrate

ENTHUSIASM IN ALL BIG U.S. CITIES

New York, To-day.
The city celebrated New Year's Eve with greater enthusiasm and hope than at any time since the boom years of 1928 and 1929.

The number of revellers on Broadway at midnight was estimated at 1,000,000 and there was an unprecedented demonstration of merriment and hope in the future, declares the "New York Times."

Champagne flowed freely in other large American cities, and when the American passenger liner "Victoria" went ashore on the British Columbia Coast, the 171 passengers and crew celebrated the New Year by dancing to music from the wireless.

CONFIDENCE IS KEYNOTE FOR 1935 IN UNITED STATES

"New Deal" Triumph Recognised

GOVERNMENT WILL HOLD REINS FOR RECOVERY

Washington, To-day.
America enters the New Year confidently, with the great majority of citizens marching in step with President Roosevelt. The "New Deal" won fresh prestige in 1934, the average American being definitely better off than before the "New Deal."

American industrialists are critical of President Roosevelt's economic programme, but industry generally faces 1935 hopefully, believing that it will see further strides in the national recovery. The year saw increased activity in industry, an upward trend in leading business and retail trade.

STERLING PROSPECTS

Prospects for sterling are more complicated. The improvement on Wall Street, which is attracting better funds, coupled with the healthier continental outlook, is checking the seasonal appreciation of sterling. Moreover, it is believed that resources of the Exchange Fund have been heavily drained by the steady support accorded to the European situation.

HITLER'S MESSAGE

"Return Of Saar Is Warmest Wish"

OPPONENTS OF PRESENT REGIME WARNED

Berlin, To-day.
Our warmest wish for 1935 is the return of that German territory, which, through its voice of blood, will on January 13 proclaim to the whole world its indissoluble community with the German Reich," said Reichsfuehrer Hitler in his New Year Proclamation to the Nazi Party, in which he also claims that Germany is stronger now than she was 12 months ago.

FURTHER BRAWLING IN THE SAAR

Alleged Brutality Of Police

SIX MEN SUSPENDED

Saarbruecken, To-day.
New Year's Eve celebrations were marked by further minor brawls between the German Front and opposition parties, notably in Puelingen, where a man was severely hurt.

ROSSLYN PARK'S HOLIDAY RUGBY VICTORY

London, To-day, in a friendly rugby game played on Christmas Eve, Rosslyn Park, playing at home, defeated the Victorian Ladies' team by 15 to 0.



TROTSKY DENIAL

REPUDIATES ACCUSATIONS OF COMPLICITY

Kirov Murder Trial Open Letter

DOUBT THROWN ON EVIDENCE OF ACCUSED

Paris, To-day.
Suggestions that he was implicated in the assassination of Kirov are repudiated by Leon Trotsky in an open letter communicated to the press here.

He says that even if every word in the indictment of Nikolayev, the slayer of Kirov, is at face value, it only states that a certain "consultant" proposed to transmit proposals and it did not state if the letter was written or sent.

"GREATER SHANGHAI OF TO-MORROW"

Mayor's Ambitious Programme

OPTIMISTIC NOTE SOUNDED IN NEW YEAR MESSAGE

Shanghai, To-day.
An ambitious programme of cultural, educational, industrial and municipal developments was outlined by Mr. Wu Teh-chen, Mayor of Greater Shanghai, in his New Year message to the citizens.

The message sounds an optimistic note regarding Shanghai's future and invites fellow-citizens to reaffirm their faith and confidence in the fulfilment of the plans envisioned for what he terms the Greater Shanghai of to-morrow.

GERMANY GREET'S NEW YEAR

Reichsfuehrer Reviews Situation

WILL FOR PEACE STRESSED IN LEADERS' SPEECHES

Berlin, To-day.
The will for peace, was the keynote of the speeches, with which Germany's leaders heralded 1935.

Reichsfuehrer Hitler, speaking at the Diplomatic Corps reception in Marshal Hindenburg's former palace in the Wilhelmstrasse, declared: "May the new year bring us nearer to the sublime aim of securing relations between the nations which are based on the recognition of equality. Honest co-operation should guarantee the welfare of mankind."

Does Japan Mean China Should Have Adequate Navy For Defence?

London, To-day.
"By the right of self-defence, and common honesty, any country ought to have a navy adequate to self-defence," whatever may be the position in respect to China and on the threat of "Asia Minor," declared the Secretary of the League of Nations.

NEW YEAR HONOURS FOR 1935

3 BARONS & 5 BARONETS ARE CREATED

PRIME MINISTER'S LIST OF KNIGHTHOODS TOTALS 27

AS LAST YEAR, THE NEW YEAR'S HONOURS LIST IS A LONG ONE, THE MAJORITY OF THE RECIPIENTS BEING MEN NOT WIDELY KNOWN IN PRIVATE LIFE OUTSIDE THEIR OWN IMMEDIATE CIRCLE. THE HONOURS HAVE BEEN FAIRLY EVENLY DISTRIBUTED AMONGST MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT, PROFESSORS AND MEMBERS OF THE MEDICAL PROFESSION, SOLDIERS AND COMMERCIAL MAGNATES, WHILE ART AND LAW CLAIM ONE EACH.

Only three new Barons and five new Baronets have been created this year, and the Prime Minister's list of Knighthoods totals 27.

Three honours come to Hong Kong, Lady Southern, wife of the Colonial Secretary, being created a Dame of the Order of the British Empire, Dr. G. D. R. Black, M.C., an Officer of the Order of the British Empire, and Mr. J. L. McPherson, Member of the Licensing Board and Secretary of the Chinese Y.M.C.A., the Order of the British Empire.

LADY SOUTHERN

Leading Light Behind Girl Guides

Lady Southern is one of the most outstanding social workers in the Colony. Not the least important of her many activities is that of the Colony Commissioner of the Girl Guides' Association since 1926, a movement in which she has always shown the greatest interest. She was Ceylon Commissioner before her departure for the Colony.

Lady Southern was the founder, among others, of the well-known Ladies' International Club and has occupied the presidential chair of the Club ever since its inception.

Her interest in children will be noted from her association with the Society for the Protection of Children.

MR. J. L. MCPHERSON

Man Behind Y.M.C.A. Expansion

Mr. J. L. McPherson was born in Toronto, Canada, in 1874. After receiving his M.A. degree at the University of Toronto, he was appointed General Secretary of the University Young Men's Christian Association of the provinces of Ontario and Quebec. This post he held for four years.

DR. G. D. R. BLACK

Former St. Andrew's Chieftain Honoured

Dr. G. D. R. Black, M.D., C.M. (Tor.) was born at Maxwellton, Canada, in the year 1878, and is the son of the late Capt. Colin Black, J.P. of Lismore, Argyllshire, Scotland. He was educated chiefly in Canada and Edinburgh, and is a graduate of Toronto University.

He came out to Hong Kong in 1908 to join the firm of Drs. Steadman, Harton and Marriot. To-day Dr. Black is head of the firm of Drs. Black, Balaan, Skinner, Jones, and Crook, Chinese Dispensary.

NO FRESH DEVELOPMENT IN SIAMESE SITUATION

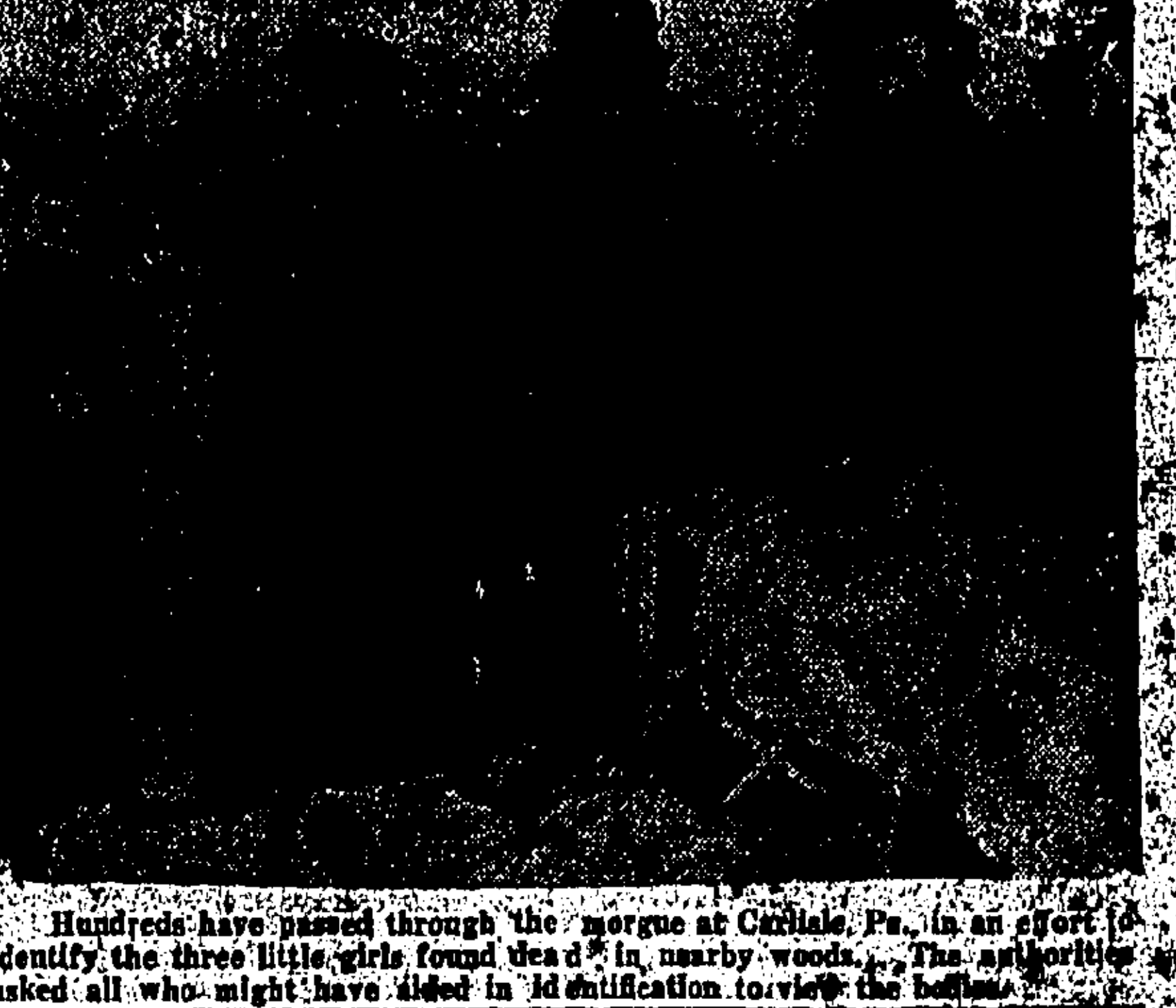
London, To-day.
Since the Christmas audience between the Siamese delegation and the King of Siam at his residence at Knowle, Surrey, there has been no development, except the fact that all matters are being referred by telegraph to Bangkok.

The delegation say it may be "a matter of weeks, even months," before they return.

CHINESE AVIATION MISSION LEAVE LONDON TO-DAY

London, To-day.
The members of the Chinese Civil Aviation Mission, who were entertained at luncheon on Monday at the British Embassy, will leave for China to-day.

The mission, which is headed by Mr. Wang, is composed of several Chinese and British aviators, and will be accompanied by a British military band.



GIGANTIC U.S. NAVAL PLAN APPROVED

ROOSEVELT LOOKS TO NATIONAL DEFENCE

Washington, Yesterday.
President Roosevelt has approved increases in the budget for national defence, both for the army and the navy, according to the Washington Post, which says that the plan, which will shortly be submitted to Congress, provides for \$3,000,000,000 for ordinary expenditure, but the amount for emergency appropriations is unlimited.

The navy programme, which calls for raising the fleet to full strength under the Washington Treaty, provides for aircraft construction and also provides for 24 warships, two 8,000 ton cruisers, three destroyers, six submarines, 15,000 ton aircraft-carrier and 270 aeroplanes.

The navy will require 5,500 more enlisted men for a total of 88,000, while Mr. Claude M. Swanson, Secretary of the Navy, will ask Congress for an addition of 1,513 officers, making a total of 7,012.

A well-informed source states that President Roosevelt has also approved an increase of \$445,000,000 for the War Department for the fiscal year beginning July 1, but the reduced estimates proposed by George H. Dern, Secretary of War, will so increase the army to 165,000 men it will be impossible to carry out the construction plan of the Army and Air Corps will be spread over five or six years instead of four years.

TENSION IN SAAR

COMMUNIST ACTIVITIES RAMPANT

CAFE RIDDLED BY BULLETS

NO SERIOUS UPHEAVAL EXPECTED

Saarbruecken, To-day.
The atmosphere of tension has been increased by minor brawls and free fights in the past 24 hours in various parts of the Saar between supporters of the German Front and their opponents, combined with Socialists and Communists.

Some Catholics and 40 German Front men were about to leave a small cafe in Saarbruecken at midnight when a volley of bullets from outside smashed every window, shattered jugs and glasses and injured a waiter. The assailants, who are alleged to be Communists, decamped before the police arrived.

There is, however, no reason to believe that a serious upheaval necessitating the intervention of foreign troops is imminent.

NO DEVELOPMENT IN SHIPPING DISPUTE

YUETON OWNER STANDS FIRM

GUILD SECRETARY RECEIVES NO REPLY TO DEMANDS

London, To-day.
The dispute between the British and Chinese shipping companies over the Yueton, which was reported to have been settled at lunch on Monday at the British Embassy, has not been resolved.

The Yueton, owned by the Yueton Steamship Company, is a Chinese-owned ship, and the dispute is over the ship's registration and the right to fly the Chinese flag.

The British shipping companies demand that the ship be registered in the United Kingdom, while the Chinese companies demand that it be registered in China.

REPLY DUE TO-DAY

London, To-day.
The reply to the demands of the British shipping companies is due to-day.

The Chinese shipping companies have refused to accept the demands of the British companies, and the dispute remains unresolved.

MAIL SCHEDULES

The Postmaster General announces that as from 1st November the Parcel Post-rates to the United Kingdom will be reduced to:

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FROM JAPAN

Brisbane Maru	Jan.	4
Emp. of Canada	"	4

FROM U.S.A.

Emp. of Canada	Jan.	4
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FROM MANILA

Nellore	Jan.	2
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FROM SHANGHAI

Memnon	Jan.	2
Burdwan	"	4
Empress of Canada	"	4

FROM AUSTRALIA

Nellore	Jan.	2
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FROM STRAITS & INDIA

Calchas	Jan.	2
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OUTWARD MAILS.

FOR EUROPE

Burdwan (via Marseilles)	Jan.	4
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FOR AMERICA

Bokuyo Maru	Jan.	4
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FOR JAPAN

Bokuyo Maru	Jan.	4
Hakosaki Maru	"	4

FOR SHANGHAI

Sulay	Jan.	2
Hakosaki Maru	"	4
Bokuyo Maru	"	4
Conte-Rosso	"	5

FOR MANILA

Emp. of Canada	Jan.	4
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FROM INDIA

Hawaii Maru	Jan.	2
Hakone Maru	"	4

FOR STRAITS

Hawaii Maru	Jan.	2
Burdwan	"	4
Hakone Maru	"	4

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The Woman's Page

DRESSING TO SUIT
YOUR HOUSE
LONDON FASHION NOTES

(By Philida)



This type of suit always looks well after a hard day of street wear. It is of navy blue crepe, featuring a cut-away coat and an attractive blouse of white organza. A blue French felt tricorne hat and blue suede gloves, bag and slippers, set off the suit, modeled by Carole Lombard, screen actress.

MAKING ACCESSORIES

If you have any bright-coloured pieces left over, do not throw them out. Belts, scarves, collars and cuffs of contrasting colour will often brighten a wear-worn dress. If you have a piece left over when you remodel your coat, you may make the smartest of hats. Buy a pattern and follow directions. From a colourful square of chiffon or silk you may make a handkerchief that will give character to the whole outfit. Clever women are making gloves to go with new costumes. And well they may, for gloves were never so fanciful and so decorative as they are now. They are not expensive to buy, but with a good pattern the correct size, they are not hard to make and cost next to nothing. In this way one may have a matching pair of gloves for each costume.

DINNER FROCK

A black crepe dinner frock had very full three-quarter sleeves in squares of mauve and red, while across the waist in front a wide sash of both these colours was pulled through slots in a criss-cross and appeared at the back again in two long streamers.

NEW LINING

If the coat needs a new lining, it is very simple to cut it by basting or pinning the old pieces on the new material so that the old will serve for a pattern for the new.

London. Has it ever occurred to you to study your background when buying clothes? Well, the dressmakers have, and this season they will tell you most helpfully what is the most suitable background for each of their creations.

The most striking dress shown this week was a glorious Tudor model—green brocade, brown fur, gold lacing, and a very low, square décolletage.

But the designer generously admitted that it was no good without a castle.

The Stuart frocks were lovely, too, so graceful and feminine, with their flowered silk basques and wide skirts, and obviously better suited to the grand house than the business woman's frock.

"You can suit your dress to your house, or the other way round," explained the designer. "For instance, this gown is pure Georgian, and the black velvet is early Victorian in feeling."

These period and semi-period dresses are to take the place of dinner pyjamas, and you can choose any period you fancy; no particular one is in fashion at the moment.

The ones that only suggest a certain period are the most successful. Otherwise, if you go too much for the real thing, guests arriving for dinner might exclaim: "Oh! you didn't say it was to be fancy dress, dear," and that would be a pity.

A dress of moss-coloured chiffon and rust red with Plantagenet sleeves and little gold-pointed slippers can be most disturbing.

All these gowns have enormously full skirts and are low cut in front. The bust is accentuated by whale-boning, or a thick corsage of flowers, to make the waist look smaller.

On other models bust and shoulders rise from clouds of gigantic frills, and there are deep flounces on the skirt to match. The crinoline dresses with whale-bone stiffening at the hem are worn over petticoats of rich silk. The loveliest are of some gossamer material covered with paillettes flowing over a tight silk foundation.

Woven In

These sparkling circles are woven into the material, not just sewn on, a fact which seems to account for much in the dressmaking world.

"Don't think these paillettes are machine sewn," begged an English designer with a startlingly good collection. "Every one is put on by hand."

These moon coloured paillettes were graduated, pin-head size on the shoulders to half crown sizes at the hem.

There is a type of dress at the shows that I imagine no man would grudge paying for. It is of clinging chiffon with a narrow panel of fluttering frills all down the front, and it is worn with a "modesty"—a little draw-up chemise of lace or lace, or else there is a fichu and roses effect.

Indoor Jackets

It suggests heroines who wait years for their lovers by lych gates and inspire pictures with names

like "Wedded" and "Parted." There are people who never feel happy unless they are wearing a little coat and they will always keep a jacket on in the house and refuse to be parted from their coats at dinner for the same reason.

They have caused a fashion in little jackets this year, which the designers call "indoor lunch coats," and "dinner in the country coats."

You can have them of uncrushable velvet with nice little sticking-out basques, or of taffeta-lined wool-tulle, and there are tiny swaggy coats of mole fur.

Perhaps the nicest are those made of Rodier's sensational lame-jersey, so light and bubbly and beautifully coloured.

HOSTESSES PLAN DINNER

London. Women who are well known in the sphere of politics, literature, feminism, economics, education and social service are planning a dinner in Mayfair on the thirteenth of next month.

They are members of the Women's Employment Federation, who met for the first time earlier in the year in the pale green, grey and silver drawing-room of the Dowager Lady Nunburnholme.

The Duchess of Atholl, Lady Rhonda, Miss Rebecca West, the Dowager Lady Nunburnholme and Miss Elizabeth Haldane are among those who will each sit at the head of her own table at this dinner and discuss the schemes whereby women are to be enabled to turn their experience as hostess and housewife to advantage when they need to seek outside employment.



This type of coat bids fair to be well noticed along the more fashionable promenades. It is of black galva fur and features a smart attached scarf of the same. As a protector against chills for Margaret Lindsay, screen actress, it fittingly shows its smartness.

GOOD FOR ANYWHERE.

A jumper-b blouse in some good contrasting colour in lame, moire, or dull satin, and the frock is transformed into an up-to-the-minute outfit which can be worn anywhere.



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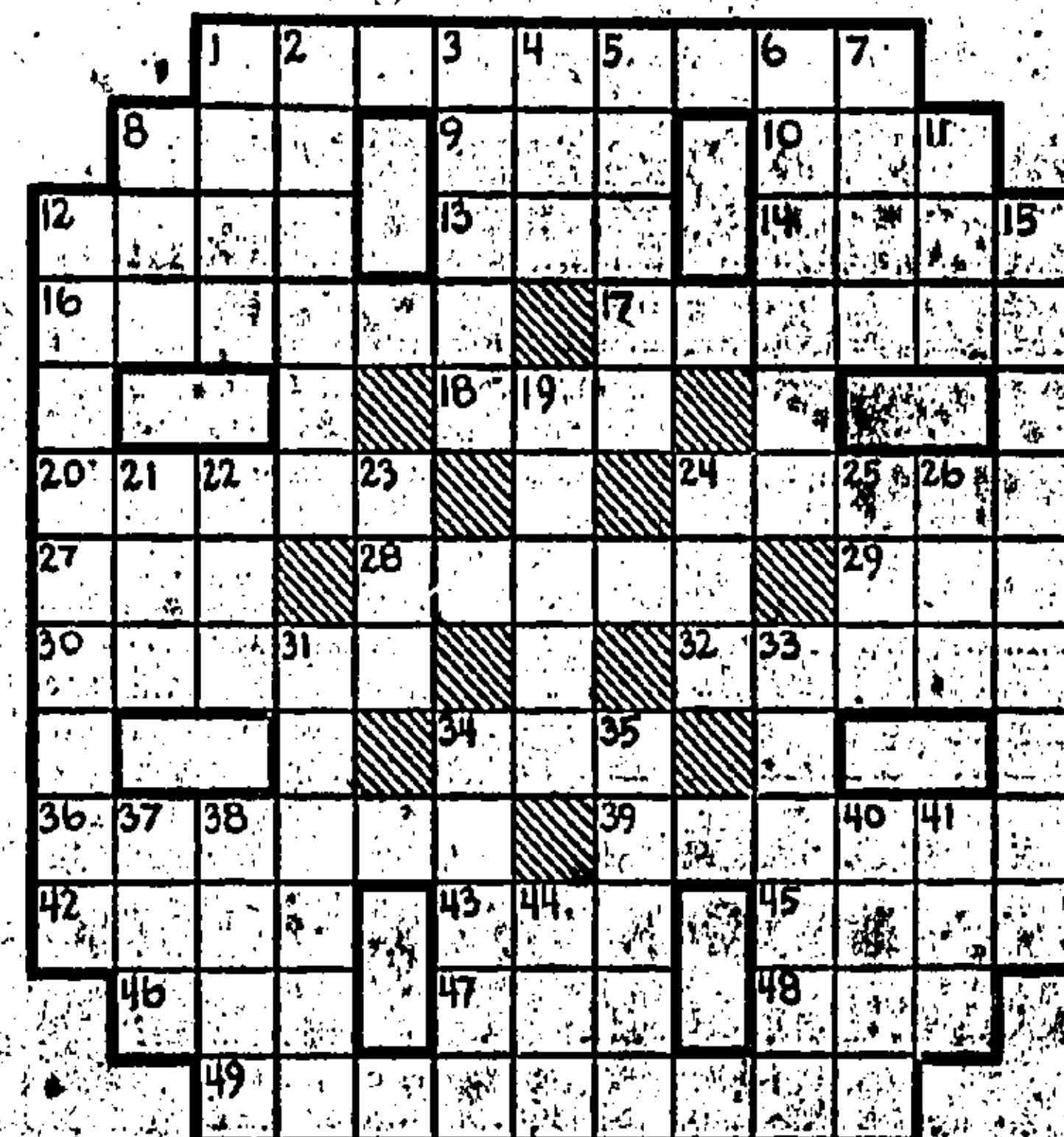
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DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE

This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spelling, such as harbor, plow, and altho.



- HORIZONTAL**
- 1-Talents
 - 2-Territory (abbr.)
 - 3-Ocean
 - 4-A dandy
 - 5-Appeal
 - 6-Pronoun
 - 7-Golf term
 - 8-A former Secretary of the Treasury of the United States
 - 9-Sharper
 - 10-Auto fuel
 - 11-Examine
 - 12-Hot vapor
 - 13-Chance
 - 14-Omit in writing
 - 15-Blind
 - 16-Rub out
 - 17-To establish firmly
 - 18-Of age (Lat. abbr.)
 - 19-Penetrates
 - 20-To provide
- HORIZONTAL (Cont.)**
- 21-Child of life
 - 22-Girl's name
 - 23-Food containers
 - 24-Prank
 - 25-Direct
 - 26-Before
 - 27-Convey from one place to another
- VERTICAL**
- 1-Examine by touching
 - 2-A little arm
 - 3-Employing
 - 4-Allow
 - 5-Lessons
 - 6-A consequence
 - 7-In a short while
 - 8-Golf mound
 - 9-Prefix Before
- VERTICAL (Cont.)**
- 10-Sufficiency
 - 11-Device for measuring ergs (ph.)
 - 12-To one side
 - 13-Organ of hearing
 - 14-Minor spring
 - 15-Look
 - 16-Separate (abbr.)
 - 17-Greek letter
 - 18-Own (Scott.)
 - 19-Device for removing seeds
 - 20-A cavalry soldier
 - 21-Pertaining to Asia
 - 22-A vagrant
 - 23-God of the sea
 - 24-Abbreviation
 - 25-Small pastry
 - 26-To start suddenly
 - 27-Point of compass (abbr.)
 - 28-Prefix. Auslander

The solution of the above with a new cross-word puzzle will appear in to-morrow's issue.

DRY SKIN

The dry skin needs a nourishing and protecting powder base. Therefore a little skin food, well worked in, or a semi-liquid cream, should be used.

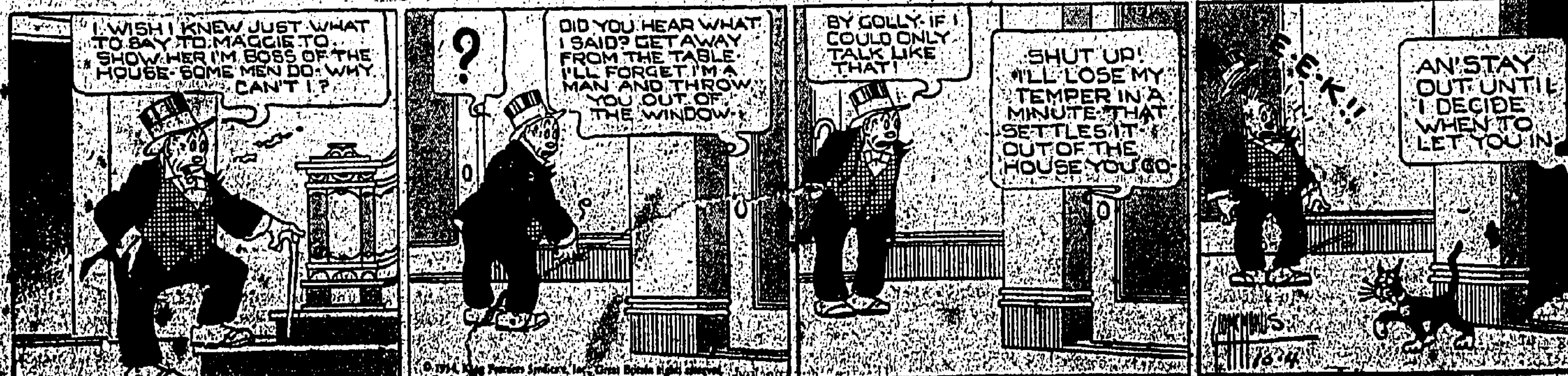
MATCHING COLOURS

There is a new russet red lipstick which is very attractive to wear with green or brown dresses. It has a matching rouge and nail varnish. Eye-shadow should be green or light bronze.

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In addition to the above fights three other bouts will be staged, the competitors having yet to confirm their engagements.

Booking at MOUTRIE'S for Members of the Hong Kong Boxing Association on Wednesday, 2nd and Thursday, 3rd January.

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White-haired Judge Marcus Kavanagh, 75-year-old 'dean' of Chicago's jurists, and his bride, the former Jeanne Latour, his 26-year-old secretary, are pictured kneeling at their wedding ceremony in a Chicago church. The bride was a former St. Louis model.

BRIDGE NOTES

DANGER OF LONG MINOR SUIT

by Ely Culbertson.

Mr. Donald B. Kenner of New York wrote me recently requesting that I devote an article to a discussion of what to do with a long minor suit when partner has opened the bidding. The hand in question is one containing a suit eight cards in length, without support for any bid made by the opening hand. Such holdings have in them the root of disaster, because of the fact that partnership ears are not always so delicately attuned that they can get the undertone of distress in the repeated bidding of one suit, and the inference that no other final declaration is possible. The hand which gave rise to the discussion and brought about a minor disaster was bid as follows:

North, Dealer
North and South vulnerable.

NORTH:
S—K Q 9 7 3
H—A K J 8 5
D—A K
C—3

SOUTH:
S—6
H—
D—8 7 6 5
C—Q J 10 9 8 7 6 5

EAST:
S—5 4 2
H—9 4 3 2
D—4 3 2
C—K 4 2

WEST:
S—A J 10 8
H—Q 10 7 6
D—Q J 10 9
C—A

The bidding:
North East South West
1S Pass 1NT Pass
2H Pass 2C Pass
3NT Pass 4C Pass
4NT Pass 5C Pass
5NT Pass 6C Dbl.
Pass Pass Pass

In explanation of this odd bidding, Mr. Kenner says that his partner was one of those who insist upon opening bids in the first position being power houses and in consequence want the bidding kept open very lightly; and that he also insists upon a notrump response unless the hand contains a trick and one-half. This explains the peculiar bid of notrump with an eight-card minor suit and no other strength in the hand.

Much better bidding on this hand would have been: (Figures after bids refer to numbered explanatory paragraphs.)
North East South West
1S (1) Pass 2C (2) Pass
3H (3) Pass 4C (4) Pass
4H (5) Pass 5C (6) Pass
Pass (7) Pass

1—North has a reasonably close decision between opening with a bid of one and two. His five-card major suits present a fair argument in favour of an opening two-bid, but after all, neither of them is very strong and probably the more conservative course is better.

2—Of course, South, immediately begins the process of signing off.

Amusements

Cinema Notes

"365 NIGHTS IN HOLLYWOOD"—KING'S THEATRE

A rollicking comedy of Hollywood life and loves is depicted in the Fox Film's production, "365 Nights in Hollywood."

Alice Faye and James Dunn are featured as a young visitor from Peoria with movie aspirations and a picture director who has had fame and fortune but also has his share of bad luck. Mitchell and Durant, appear as two adagio ice-men.

Grant Mitchell is the wily head of a movie school, who, conspires to "take" a rich young sucker (James Melton) for a large-sized bankroll. Other members of the cast are John Bradford, Frank Conroy and John Qualen.

Two song numbers are included, written, by Richard Whiting and Sidney Clare. They are entitled, "Yes to You" and "My Future Star." Sammy Lee handled the dances and George Marshall directed the script.

"DAMES"—ALHAMBRA THEATRE

An all-star cast, supported by 300 of Hollywood's most beautiful girls, are featured in Warner Brothers' musical extravaganza, "Dames," the Alhambra Theatre's New Year offering.

Outstanding in the cast are Joan Blondell, Dick Powell, Ruby Keeler, Guy Kibbee, Zasu Pitts and Hugh Herbert.

The story, by the well-known playwright, Robert Lord and Delmer Daves, is a hilarious comedy tinged with a glamorous romance. It treats of a somewhat hypocritical and highly eccentric multimillionaire whose chief concern in life is other people's morals, but who eventually gets drunk on cough medicine and is taken for a "ride" by a gold digging chorus girl.

Berkeley, who created and staged the ensembles for "42nd Street," "Gold Diggers of 1933," "Footlight Parade," and "Wonder Bar" has something spectacular in this new production.

The romantic interest is furnished by Dick Powell and Ruby Keeler.

"VIVA VILLA"—MAJESTIC THEATRE

A superb characterisation of the man, who was the outstanding figure in Mexico's history during the decade preceding the Great War, is Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer's current release, "Viva Villa!" featuring Wallace Berry Fay Wray, and Joseph Schildkraut.

The opening scenes show Berry in the title role as Villa, witnessing his wife's death by the hands of the aristocrats, and this bitter memory never leaves him. He knows no except that all men are equal and that aristocrats must be killed. He ragged army of recruits, marries every girl he touches. You will see him as Dictator and then his ignominious death in a butcher's shop—in act of revenge.

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TO-DAY'S PROGRAMME

The following programmes will be broadcast to-day from the Hong Kong Broadcasting Station Z.R.W. on a wave length of 855 metres (845 K.C.'s):—

12.30-2.15 p.m.—European Programme.
12.30-1 p.m.—Recorded Music.
1 p.m.—Local Time & Weather Report.
1.03 p.m.—Recorded Music.
1.15 p.m.—A Relay of the Orchestra from the Hong Kong Hotel Grill Room (by courtesy of the Management).
1.30 p.m.—Reuter Press Bulletins, Rugby Press News, etc.
2.15 p.m.—Close Down.
Two Studio Items.
Dance Music.
4.7 p.m.—Chinese Programme.
6-6.15 p.m.—Children's Studio.
7-7.15 p.m.—European Programme.
7 p.m.—London and New York Stock & Commodity Quotations.
7.05-7.40 p.m.—Band Music.
Marche Militaire (Schubert, arr. Godfrey).
Villanelle (Dollé, arr. Winterbottom).
Swan Lake—Ballet (Tchaikovsky).
Prince Igor (Borodin).
Ballet Dances Nos. 1, 2, 3, & 4.
Americana (Thompson).
7.40-8 p.m.—From the Studio.
The Walkin' Trio.
The Klipschke Zephyr.
2.—The Queen's Hall.
3.—Kamranah's Waltz.
4.—Long Blues.
5.—Dear David.
6.—Local Time & Weather Report.
7.45-8 p.m.—Musical Comedy.
Wonder Set.
Film Songs Selection.

Vocal Gems—
Rose Marie
No, No Nanette
Organ Solos—
Musical Comedy Marches
Sydney Gustard.

Vocal Gems—
Selection—
Conversation Piece
8.45-9 p.m.—A Recital by Peter Dawson (Bass-Baritone).
1. "She is Far from the Land" (Lambert).
2. Love, could I only tell thee (Capel).
3. Follow me Home (Ward-Higgs).
4. Thought Passing Hence (Sullivan).
9-9.30 p.m.—From the Studio.
A Recital by Ernesto Vallejo (Violin) and Julio Esteban Anguita (Pianoforte).
Programme—
1. Violin Solos:—
Arioso—Bach
Minuet—Mozart
2. Pianoforte Solos:—
Serenata—Malata
Waltz in A Flat—Chopin.
3. Violin Solos:—
Romance in F—Beethoven
Jota—De Falla
4. Pianoforte Solo:—
Arabesque—Debussy.
9.30 p.m.—Reuter Press Bulletins.
London 1 p.m.—Stock & Commodity Quotations.
9.35-10 p.m.—Variety.
Vocal Duets—
What's Good for the goose is good for the Gander.
Gee, Oh Gosh, I'm Grateful.
Sam Browne and Girl Friend.
Organ Solos—
Take a Chance—Selection.
Vocal—
One Morning in May.
You Oughta See in Pictures.
Derickson and Brown.
Organ Solo—
Rhapsody in Blue.
10-11 p.m.—A Relay of the Dance Orchestra from the Hong Kong Hotel Grill Room (by courtesy of the Management).
11-11.30 p.m.—Reuter Press Bulletins.
Midnight Frolics—Reuter Press.
London Stock & Commodity Quotations.
11 p.m.—Close Down.

POLICE RESERVE

Orders for the Current Week

Orders, by the Hon. Mr. T. B. King, Inspector General of Police, RETURNED FROM LEAVE.
Mr. DUDLEY LEONARD KING, Deputy Superintendent of Police (Reserve) returned from leave and resumes command of the Hong Kong Police Reserve, as from 1st January, 1935.

APPOINTMENT

On the return from leave of Mr. DUDLEY LEONARD KING, Deputy Superintendent of Police (Reserve), Mr. CYRIL CHAMPKIN resumes his substantive rank of Assistant Superintendent of Police Reserve, as from 1st January, 1935.
C. CHAMPKIN.
Acting, D.S.P. (R).
Hong Kong, Monday, December 31st, 1934.

KING COLLEGE MAGAZINE

The first volume of the King's College Magazine is an attractive semi-English and Chinese publication of 36 pages, composed entirely of articles by boys of the College. Mr. G. H. Sayer, Director of Education, wrote the preface and encouraging foreword.

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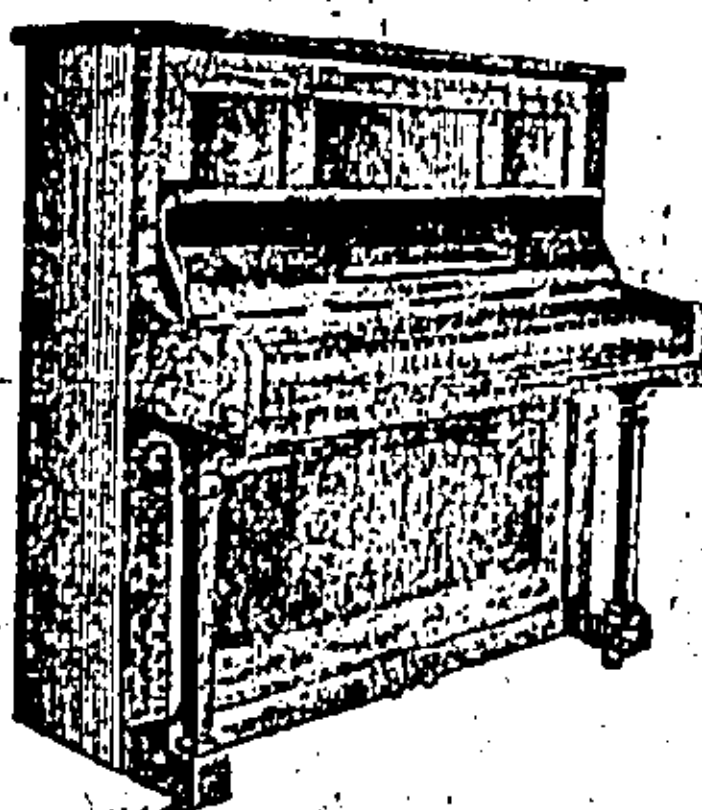
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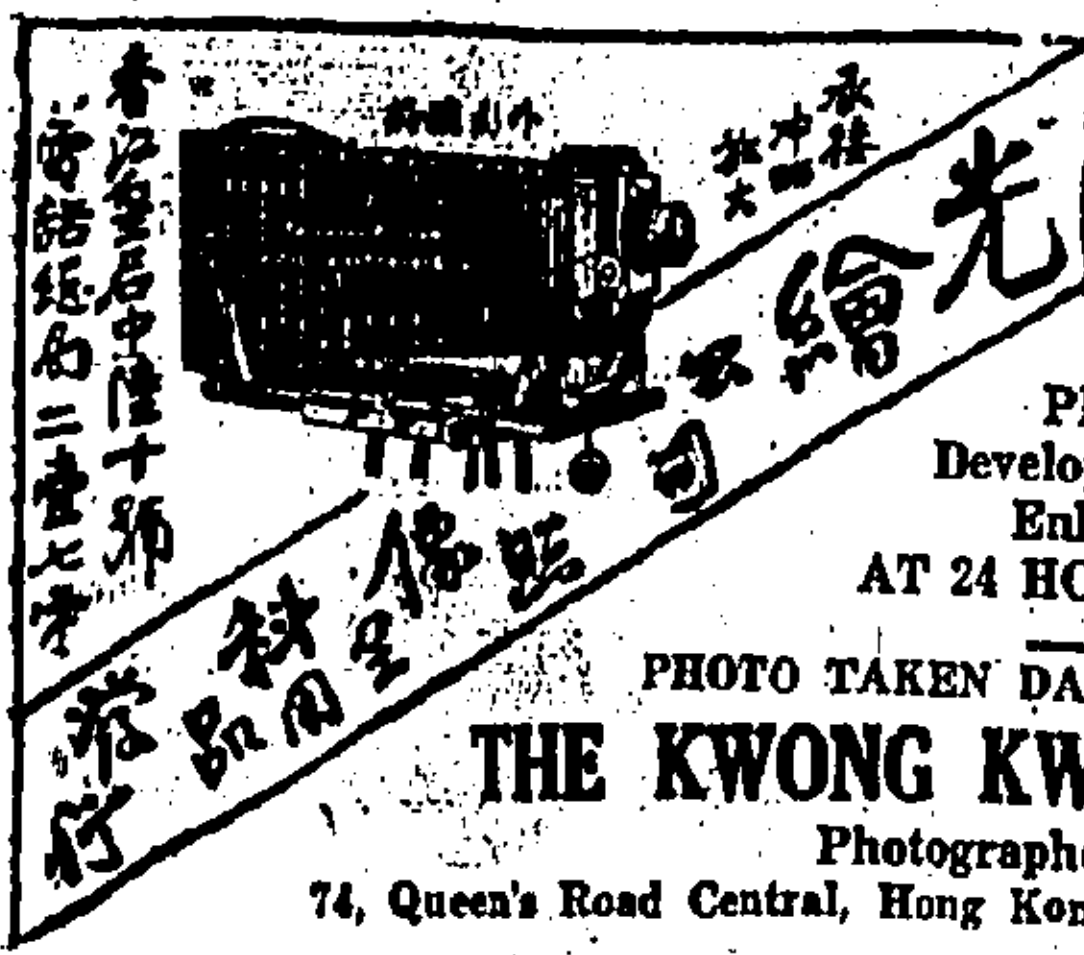


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HARVEY ON WHY HE THOUGHT HE WON

Sporting Chatter

(By GEOFFREY SIMPSON)

GOING TO SOUTH AFRICA

SOME more boxing news. Sea-
man Watson, the most danger-
ous challenger for Kid Berg's light-
weight title, is taking a trip to
South Africa shortly.

It appears that the Springboks
are very anxious to look him over,
and the prospect of exchanging an
English winter for South African
sunshine appeals greatly to Watson
and his wife—who, I may say, is as
much his manager as anybody.

Then there is our brave little
Yorkshireman, Johnny Cuthbert,
planning a come-back and flinging
defiance at one other than Freddie
Miller, American champion of the
world.

Cuthbert would argue it out with
a lion, but I feel he is too ambitious.
He retired nine months ago when
it was obvious he was well past his
best.

ECONOMICALLY UNSOUND

GALLACHER having gone, Chel-
sea are looking for a new play-
er. They nearly succeeded in get-
ting one, but the transfer broke
down over the marriage problem.

Sorry I cannot name the man,
but he is married and has discover-
ed the truth of that yarn about two
living as cheaply as one.

So he told Chelsea that £3 a week
in London was no use to him. He
was getting the maximum where
he was, and if he came south he
would have to take a house at in-
creased rent and his expenses all
round would be higher.

COTTON STILL SAYING "NO"

IN the belief that every man has
his price, golf promoters are
flooding Henry Cotton with offers to
tour America, but Henry, full of
great ambitions to retain his Open
title, is not inclined to chase round
the world after cash.

The latest bid is from the
Bahama Islands, in the Pacific. All
expenses and a share of the gate
money is offered.

Only recently we had the spec-
tacle of Fred Perry refusing a
fortune—which goes to show that
there is sentiment in sport after all.

OMISSION OF GIBBONS

FOLLOWERS of Worcestershire
cricket are thoroughly taken
aback by the omission of that fine
batsman, Gibbons, from the M.C.C.
side to tour the West Indies.

I believe Gibbons himself was
more than hopeful of being invited,
especially after C. F. Walters, the
Worcester captain, had declined
owing to his indisposition.

Gibbons made more runs than
any other cricketer last summer,
and for his scoring qualities alone
he seemed worth a place.

In addition, he is a great field-
man. He can stop, catch, and
throw as well as, if not better, than
any outfielder in the country.

Midland people think that this
ability should have made him indis-
pensable to an England side, which,
as the Test matches proved, is so
potently weak in the field.

POT-HUNTING QUESTION
THE number of prizes won by
Frank Southall, the racing
cyclist, would fill several sideboards.
But I am told that the record is held
by Albert (Lal) White, who won
many titles and handicaps when he
was riding so brilliantly for the
Rovers C.C.

White has a room full of prizes
said to be worth anything between
£6,000 and £7,000. Can anyone
beat that?

FACT TO BE NOTED

THERE has been nothing wrong
with the Lancastrian's per-
formances during the past year or
so, but one has to take into account
the class of men he has been
beating.

The majority of them were of
poor quality, and fell easy victims
to McAvoy's weighty punch.
That is not a "dig" at the British
champion, I am merely pointing
out a fact which, in our enthusiasm
for him, must not be overlooked.

I am looking to him to account
for Tunora in 1935, which will
support to the hilt the belief that
in this great body-puncher England
has one of the best champions

"U.S. WIMBLEDON" IS FORECAST BY TENNIS OFFICIAL

Would Combine Men's
And Women's National
Champion

TIME NOW DECLARED RIPE
FOR INNOVATION

The combination of the men's
and women's national tennis cham-
pionships into an "American Wim-
bledon" next summer is the forecast
of Mr. Walter Merrill Hall, Presi-
dent of the United States Lawn
Tennis Association.

The sanction and schedule com-
mittee has recommended such ac-
tion, Mr. Hall said, and he thought
it likely the executive committee
also would view the proposal
favourable when it meets in New
York to lay plans for the national
convention at Cincinnati in Febru-
ary.

The final decision will be up to
the national meeting, but Mr. Hall
said he believed there was a strong
feeling in the U.S.L.T.A. that the
experiment was worth a trial.

The proposal would involve com-
bining the national women's tour-
ney, including singles and doubles,
with the national men's singles, all
to be played at the West Side
Tennis Club, Forest Hills, Long
Island, starting in the latter part
of August and continuing for a 10-
day period. Formerly the women's
championships have been held
separately, in the middle of August,
with the men's singles in September.

It is not contemplated to include
the national men's mixed and vet-
erans' doubles championships. This
tournament, formerly held annually
at the Longwood Cricket Club,
Chestnut Hill, Mass., was transfer-
red to the Germantown Cricket
Club, Philadelphia, last season.
Thus the American plan would not
go as far as France and England do
in combining all their major
national championships in a single
tournament, spread over a two
weeks period.

Mr. Hall said it probably would
be held on dates including those
now allotted to the men instead of
on the dates for the women earlier
in August. The starting date prob-
ably would be set as August 29, a
Thursday, instead of August 31 and
would run through the entire next
week.

Considered For Years

"We have considered this matter
for several years and I am of the
opinion that it is at least worth a
trial. There seems to be a consid-
erable sentiment for it."

Mr. Joseph W. Ivy, second vice-
president in Kansas City, also ex-
pressed approval.

To avoid too much confusion in
the early rounds it has been sug-
gested that the men and women play
on alternate days, which also would
serve to give the men a day's
breathing spell between possible
five-set matches. All such details
will be worked out if and when the
national meeting votes to combine
the two events.

NO BRITISH RUGBY TOUR FOR SOUTH AFRICA IN 1936

The proposal to invite a British
team to tour South Africa in 1936
was withdrawn at a meeting of
the South African Rugby Board,
in view of the fact that New Zea-
land will be touring England in
1935-36.

50-Miles Tourist Time Trial Arranged By Local Cycling Club

The management of the Cycling Club were poorly attended. On Christmas
day decided to organise a 50-mile time trial, a circuit of the island was carried
out and a splendid trip enjoyed by
those present. Boxing Day saw the Club
out on the Castle Peak Road, but again
very few took advantage of the beau-
tiful weather on that day. The time
trial was taken at the Castle Peak Road, before
morning mist, a steady headwind, Kow-
loon being reached at 5 p.m. in good
time to take part in the evening's fun
with less active members of the Club.
Despite poor weather conditions, on
Sunday the "usual crowd" turned out
for a ride around the Kowloon Circuit.
Starting at 2 p.m. a steady pace was
made near the latter village for a re-
freshing Nimble pedalling assisted by
a light following breeze brought the
riders to Castle Peak Cafeteria at 4 p.m.
long at 400 yds. An excellent service
was followed by a steady return to
Kowloon at 4 p.m. by way of Tung Shan
which village, incidentally, now enjoys
a unique distinction having witnessed a
cycling competition against cycling
with the result that the time trial was

"ALL CREAM BOXING WAS DONE BY ME"

NEUSEL'S OPPONENT SEEKS
WORLD TITLE BOUT

(By BRUCE HARRIS)

LEN Harvey believes that he won.
He explained why to me in discussing his fighting with
Walter Neusel, the big blond German, at Wembley Sports Arena.
The verdict of the referee, Mr. C. H. Douglas, who awarded
a draw, has been much discussed.

INDIAN LAWN TENNIS

Ranking Of Men And
Women Players

BOBB DISPLACED

Allahabad.
The All-India Tennis Associa-
tion has issued its first official
ranking of Indian tennis players,
which is as follows:

- MEN**
1. Sahai Lal
 2. E. V. Bobb
 3. D. N. Capoor
 4. Islam Ahmad and S. Sawhney
 5. B. T. Balke and W. H. S. Michel
 6. B. Nachappa
 7. C. L. Mehta
 8. N. Krishnaswamy

- WOMEN**
1. Miss Jenny Wadison
 2. Miss Leila Roy
 3. Mrs. H. C. Stork
 4. Miss M. Parrott and Miss E. Bonjour
 5. Miss Harvey Johnston

The following men have not been
ranked on account of insufficient
data:

- M. Sleem, Madan Mohan, V.
Singh, J. Tew, T. B. Henderson,
Brook, C. J. Mullen (Madras) and
U. Mahadevan (Madras). Of
these Sleem for years India's finest
singles player did not play in any
tournaments in India, while the
others mentioned played in one
major tournament only. The above
ranking is the consensus of the
opinions of the Ranking Committee
composed of the following:

- Messrs. D. N. Bhalla (Punjab),
S. W. Bobb (U. P.), G. W. Hoeken
(Bengal), Manohar Lal (B. & O.),
C. Ramaswamy (Madras), G. Rose
(Bombay) and Shamsar Singh
(Delhi).

Eight major tournaments were
considered in the ranking, as fol-
lows: Bengal, Calcutta, Madras
United Club, All-India, Delhi, Pun-
jab, Western India and South India
Championships.

CENTURY FOR TEST CAPTAIN

South African Probable
In Good Form

Durban.

H. F. Wade, a candidate for the
captaincy of the South African
cricket team which will tour Eng-
land next summer, scored 135, in-
cluding 16 fours, for Natal against
the Orange Free State in a Currie
Cup match.

"A. D. Nourse, son of the famous
"Dave", and a probable member of
the touring team, made 114 for
Natal, who won by an innings and
150 runs. They scored 552 for
nine (declared) and Orange Free
State 310 and 92.

Incidentally, the B.B.C. commen-
tator, Mr. Lionel Secombe, whose
account of the Harvey-Gains fight
last February ran against the re-
feree's verdict for Harvey, took the
view that Harvey had won, and
was surprised when a draw was
signalled.

Harvey laughed when I drew his
attention to this fact.

"That's a bit of a change all
round," he replied. "But really
I'm in agreement with Mr. Secombe
this time. I believe I won. There
were a few scrappy rounds with
little in it, but all the 'cream'
boxing was done by me."

"I think it would have been a
better fight if Neusel had not been
allowed to lean on me so often—
there was too much of it."

German's Sad Condition
"As for who had the worst of it,
you had only to look at Neusel
after the fight; he was in a pretty
sad condition."

"Now I should like to take
on Jack Petersen again," said
Bob Olin for the cruiser-weight
world championship.
Mrs. Harvey told me how she ob-
tained an unauthorised view of the
fight.

"I have been ill," she said, and
the doctor wasn't keen on my go-
ing to Wembley. I went, but Len
said I had better rest in the dress-
ing-room."

"I found that by standing on a
chair and pulling down the canvas
I could get a perfect view!"
**Neusel Wants "Return"
Fight**

Neusel's right eye was heavily
plastered and his left eye swollen
the day following the bout.

"That is nothing," he said. "It
was unfortunate that an old wound
above my right eye should open. I
always mark easily."

Neusel, of course, wants to have
a return fight with Harvey. He
intends to attempt to secure an-
other London match.

FOOTBALL GOAL NET INVENTOR DEAD

Mr. John A. Brodie
Famous Engineer

Liverpool.

Mr. John A. Brodie, formerly city
engineer at Liverpool, died in his
sleep at his residence here. He was
76 years of age.

He had three distinct claims to
fame. One was that he was joint
engineer of the new traffic tunnel
under the Mersey, which the King
opened recently; the second was
that in 1912 he was one of the com-
mittee of experts that advised the
Indian Government on the planning
of New Delhi as the capital of
India; and the third was that he in-
vented the goal nets used on almost
every Association football ground
in the country.

Mr. Brodie patented this idea in
1890, and the nets were first used
in the North-South match in 1891.

BALASKAS HAS 11 FOR 57 AND THEN SCORES 61

D. X. Balaskas, the South African
all-rounder, is making a strong bid
for inclusion in the side to tour
England next year. Playing for
Western Province against Eastern
Province in their Currie Cup match
at Capetown, he took eleven wickets
for 57 runs in the two innings, and
scored 61 runs.

FRANCE WIN ICE HOCKEY CUP FROM BELGIUM

Brussels, Dec. 24.—Playing to the
final match for the Ice Hockey
Christmas Cup yesterday the French
team of the Stade Francaise won an
easy victory over the Antwerp side
by the score of 17 goals to 0.

AUSTIN AND HIS FUTURE

May Become A
Professional

'TEMPTING OFFER'

(By STANTLEY N. DOUST)

H. W. Austin, the British Davis
Cup player, is seriously contempla-
ting becoming a professional lawn
tennis player.

He told me that he had received a
very tempting offer, over which he
is pondering, but he will not make
his final decision for some time.

Austin is pledged to secrecy as to
the amount of the offer and by
whom it is made.

It may be a coincidence, but it
synchronises with the return to
England of W. F. Tilden and his
professional colleagues.

Tilden is the brains of the profes-
sional movement, and he wishes to
get as many of the best amateurs
to join his fold as possible.

If Austin joins up with him, F. J.
Perry is almost certain to accept the
tremendous offer—said to be worth
£38,000—he received before he left
Hollywood for Australia.

Problem For L.T.A.

Without Perry and Austin, it
seems impossible for Britain to win
the challenge round of the Davis
Cup next year.

Without them and without G. M.
Lott and L. R. Stollen, of the Unit-
ed States—the latest recruits to the
professional ranks—Wimbledon will
lose most of its glamour.

Should Perry and Austin "go
over," the Lawn Tennis Association
will almost be forced to consider
holding an open championship, to
which they have been opposed for
so long.

JAPAN BASEBALLERS FOR MANILA

Invitation Issued
By Amateur Body

Manila, Dec. 27.

The Japan All-Star baseball team
has been invited by the officials of
the P.I. Amateur Baseball Associa-
tion to come to Manila next month
for a series to be staged in conjunc-
tion with the Manila Carnival.

The association held a meeting in
the P. A. A. F. office at the Rizal
Memorial Field at which time the
proposal of the Nipponese baseball
team was taken up. The financial
side of the invasion and the propo-
sed date for the invasion of the team
were discussed and a proposal was
immediately transmitted by cable-
gram to Japan.

For Manila Carnival

If the Japan All-Stars accept the
proposal of the local body a sched-
ule of at least six games at the
Rizal Baseball Stadium and four
games in the different parts of the
Philippines will be arranged. Ne-
groes, Cebu, Iloilo and a northern
capital in Luzon, will be included in
the schedule of the visiting team.

PUT ON SCRATCH IN TWO YEARS

Middlesex Man's
Great Record

(By F. J. C. PIGNON)

Elliot Gibbs (Muswell Hill), the
amateur champion of Middlesex, and
Donald Upex (Hendon), a 17-years-
old youth who reached the concluding
stages of the boys' champion-
ship this year, gained a splendid
victory in the Middlesex Alliance
27-holes greensome competition at
West Middlesex.

Their score, with an allowance
of three strokes for the round, was
100% (67 and 33%)—the amateur
record, held by F. H. Rows, a
former champion, is 69.

Except for a few putting errors
Upex played extremely well, but
Gibbs played golf that was almost
immaculate.

Until two years ago Gibbs had
never played a round of golf. On
an improvised course adjoining
Muswell Hill Club he played at
golf with a single iron club. He
became so proficient with this that
he was asked to play in the "one
club" match, and the first handicap he
received was two.

Now he is a scratch player, who
can produce scratch golf and might
easily become a serious challenge
to the British championship.

MUSIC HISTORY
IN MSS.Letters Of Famous
ComposersTHE "SUNDAY TIMES"
BOOK EXHIBITION

The music section of the "Sunday Times" Book Exhibition at Grosvenor House is so well stocked with MSS. documents and valuable editions that a perusal of its treasures must convey, even to the uninitiated, some notion of the development of musical art from the days of the Tudor composers to our own time.

Letters, deeds and inscriptions will be read with interest by those to whom musical notation means little. Most of the letters give some notion of their writers' characters.

It is impossible to glance at William Byrd's neat, distressingly angular hand-writing without being reminded of his law-suits, his tenacity, his quarrels. One whose letters are all straight lines was not the man to compromise when he conceived his right to be assassinated. Alessandro Scarlatti's writing is as clear, but all curves, and he winds up a letter professing to be the recipient's "most humble, most devoted, and most obedient servant."

Elgar's Handwriting

Only an expert, however, can reconcile certain anomalies, as, for instance, the spruce handwriting of Lull's letters and the blots of his music MSS.

Some men's handwriting alters with time. A late Elgar MS suggests the jerky, nervous strokes that were also evident when he conducted. An earlier piece of writing is as clear as Debussy's, whose meticulous neatness is of a piece with an art in which every note gives the impression of having been weighed on a most sensitive instrument.

The documents are very characteristic. Puccini, probably the most richly rewarded of modern composers, acknowledges receipt of a vast sum of money as coolly as if he were commenting on the weather. Berlioz tells at length and with great pride how Paganini came to him, and how deeply the latter was moved by "Benvenuto Cellini."

Handel, who lived in other days, had to attend to trifles, and the exhibits include an "indenture" which will not be read without a smile. The indenture is between the composer and no less a personage than the Duke of Argyll, Master General of his Majesty's Ordnance, and concerns the leading of kettledrums for the purpose of oratorio at the King's Theatre. "Kettledrums" to beat before a train of artillery with heads complete must have been a very superior article, but—what a pother about kettle and drum-sticks!

Score Of "Tannhauser"

Not a few of the scores shown are of very considerable interest; two, however, stand above the rest. The first is the full score of "Tannhauser," lithographed from Wagner's own manuscript. It is clearer than anything the printer can give us to-day, and had to be so produced, since no firm of music publishers could be induced to print it at its own risk. The second is a fragment from Elgar's Unfinished Third Symphony.

It is an infinite pity that Elgar began his second and third move-



It took the American Navy to save the life of William A. Robinson on his last exploration trip to lonely Galapagos Islands, but he is going to venture into the wilds again—near Tahiti. A flight of 1,000 miles by Navy surgeons saved Robinson from succumbing to an appendicitis attack. To prevent a similar recurrence on this trip, Mrs. Robinson had her healthy appendix removed. The two are shown in New York with a pet which will accompany them.

"Impertinences" Of
DecorAnachronistic Views
Of Mr. James Agate

THE ADJUNCTS TO DRAMA

(By Sydney W. Carroll)

"I have never believed that any play engaging the full attention of the mind can afford the impertinences of decor." With this devastating sentence Mr. James Agate set me wondering last Sunday whether he looks upon "decor" as an impertinence when it is introduced into plays requiring complete concentration of the intelligence, or was intending to indicate his resentment at extravagant or fantastical features in stage scenery by styling them "impertinences." In either event his observation is provocative.

So many other dicta by the same authority in the same article conveyed his contempt and disregard for a proper scenic equipment in any serious play that I am tempted to-day to challenge his opinions upon this most important and debatable subject of "decor."

Contempt For Scenery

He holds, for instance, that "the proper way to stage" "Edipus Rex" is to "tell the stage carpenter to throw a couple of pillars and a staircase together," while the right way with "Hamlet" is to "fish out

ments before completing the first—even in his mind. Had he not done so we should probably have at least one full movement, for the sketches of the first (including the orchestration) were well advanced when he died.

Now of the whole symphony nothing is left us but a few dumb sheets. F. B.

any battlement, any palace scene, and fix up Gertrude's bedroom with a pair of red curtains." He thinks it an "odd notion" that a play is much the work of the scene painter and the electrician as of the dramatist and the actor.

Because, according to him, there were no "atmospherists" before 1890 Mr. Agate believes that Shakespeare would have had nothing to do with stylising and that his choice of modern setting would have been strictly representational.

Mr. Agate may or may not be correct in this interesting speculation, but the modern playgoer is not so much concerned with the problematical Shakespearean attitude as he is with the suitable and acceptable adjustment of antique Shakespearean plays to modern tastes and tendencies in the theatre and in art.

Proper Settings

I believe that an actor or actress of genius can after the fashion of Ruth Draper, dispense entirely with scenery and create an atmosphere exclusively relying upon individual dramatic talent. But to refuse any play, ancient or modern, the invaluable assistance of appropriate and harmonious "decor" is a negation of common-sense and common justice.

Mr. Agate thinks, and there are many who are of the same mind, that the best scenery makes itself forgotten as soon as seen. But in arguing for this form of evanescent impression he merely expresses a preference for that kind of art-study which centres its pains upon a particular figure or feature, leaving a surround of unfinished and indecisive shadows or blurs.

Every play is entitled to its proper setting. Backgrounds may be realistic, impressionistic, stylistic, fantastic, positive or negative, but they must be chosen with aesthetic care, a consideration of tone, temper and note appropriate to the time, the period and the dramatic piece of the playwright's creation.

That there are many "impertinences" in modern decor no one familiar with the stage can deny, but to consign the grandeur, the sublimity of "Edipus Rex" to the tender mercies of the stage carpenter would be an offence against high tragedy that would shriek to the heavens.

At the time of writing I have no idea how John Gielgud will have staged his production of "Hamlet" at the New Theatre, but if he has contented himself by "fishing out any battlement" and "providing Gertrude with a pair of red curtains"

FINEST HAMLET OF
OUR TIMEJOHN GIELGUD'S
DOUBLE FEAT
ACTOR AND PRODUCER

London. Those who were at the New Theatre to witness the latest "Hamlet" saw theatrical history made. John Gielgud has played Hamlet in the West-end before, and played it brilliantly; but since that time he has grown, both in artistic stature and in consequence.

Now he establishes himself as the first Hamlet of our time, and I make bold further to state my conviction that there can have been few to equal him in the whole long history of the English stage.

This is not mere idle bandying of superlatives. I do not claim that Mr. Gielgud is a better actor than this or that great actor of the past. But I do say that he is an actor of the very highest class, and that no actor has possessed in greater measure the special qualities that Hamlet requires.

He has youth, he has a romantic presence, he has brains, he has a beautiful voice and the ability to use it beautifully in the speaking of verse. He has the melancholy and the philosophic quality of Hamlet and—most fortunate of all—the ability to suggest the man of action that Hamlet was before the play begins.

A Mind At Work

In every syllable that he speaks there is evidence of an understanding mind at work, so that the lines come fresh to the minds of the audience as if the part had never been acted before. Small wonder that last night's audience gave him an ovation, and forgot entirely his own real fault—a tendency to sink his voice at times to an inaudible pitch.

His work as producer is almost as remarkable. They play an easy flow and a sense of effortless grace which tell the same tale of a mind at work, a comprehensive grasp of detail, and an eye for beauty.

His company is worthy of a great occasion. Frank Vosper's Claudius, Jack Hawkins's Horatio, William Devlin's Ghost are all excellent. Jessica Tandy's gentle and pathetic Ophelia is very moving.

Better still is George Howe's original playing of Polonius as a little old dried-up apple of a man. And best is Laura Cowie's magnificently stupid, good-natured, self-satisfied Gertrude—a wonderful example of what can be done with a part that can be purely dull.

The ladies who call themselves "Mottley" deserve very high praise for the settings and dresses, which convey the atmosphere of 17th-century Europe and combine richness of fancy with simplicity.

at least one lover of the theatre will be extremely annoyed with him.

There must always be balance between decor and play. Each scene in every serious play should be designed in such a way that it will not and cannot be forgotten. It must be unforgettable, and yet it must not obtrude itself upon the players or the action of the play. It must have that "rightness" that all art calls for, that selected and inevitable fitness to the script that refutes all criticism. And why dismiles the modern supplementary advantages of electric light and brilliant designs, on the ground that they should only be applied to the frivolous or the modern?

Lighting And Designs. With lighting, as with decor, there is a subtle and peculiar justice which only the true director of the stage can apply. It is a regrettable habit amongst trivial literary people to spurn or ignore any attempt to supplement their efforts by illustrative embroideries. The marriage of words and music proves too often an impediment to harmony. Similarly the perfect fusion between decor and place is difficult of accomplishment.

But the conscientious and talented producer will always make such blending of art and literature his chief aim. If he neglects to do so and is content when producing his idea how to dispense with his chief dramatic adjuncts—correct decor and lighting, he is either a lazy crank, or obstinately determined on a course of limited and handicapped

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The China Mail

Hong Kong, Wednesday, Jan. 2, 1935.

Japan And Washington

The Japanese Government will be disappointed with the results of her gesture of defiance in abrogating the Washington Treaty. Not because of any difficulties that will arise directly out of the formal act. The Treaty itself provides a limit of time within which its validity was to continue and after which notice of abrogation could be given to take effect in two years time. Whoever it was that devised the two year interval, which applied also to notice of withdrawal from the League of Nations, was a long headed statesman. Two years gives plenty of opportunity for reflection; and nobody would be at all surprised if negotiations should be renewed. Foreign Offices that have had long experience and have amassed colossal files of correspondence and interviews may be somewhat inclined to deliberation, but they are not inclined to be flattered by ebullitions of self-importance.

The main facts of the situation are so simple that they are very easily stated. Japan sees the world divided into two portions, the Orient and the Occident. She sees herself as the suzerain Power of the Orient; able to dispense with any help from the Western Powers; free to impose her will on China by military force if need be; and to freeze out other influences by commercial competition.

The only thing to be said about the picture is that it does not correspond with the facts. There is no need to minimise the wonderful record of Japan's progress in the Meiji period; she has enjoyed the goodwill of both the English-speaking Powers, and actual alliance with England for the years that were the most crucial. The influence of her Elder Statesmen has been used to maintain a level-headed and steady policy of goodwill and good faith while she pushed ahead with her own development. The fatal turn came with the occupation of Mukden in defiance of treaty obligations and without any consultation with her friends. It would be quite possible to make out a case for that step; the point is that the case should have been made out before the act. The result was to create the impression that Japan was no longer to be relied on.

The Mukden incident has led on to similar and even less excusable assertions of the principle that Japan must be recognised as making a law for herself on which comments by other Powers are regarded as merely impertinent. Jehol followed Manchuria, and after all the time that has elapsed no defence of the Shang-

hai operations has yet been given. Japan is quite mistaken if she supposes that these aggressions have raised her reputation in the world. Her military and naval reputations where it did; the only change is that she is now regarded with suspicion, and no longer as a desirable ally.

The Washington Treaties, there were nine in all, were the most solid achievement of the post-war effort to secure the peace of the world. Had the same spirit been carried on into later negotiations, much of the present unrest would never have been engendered. Those treaties secured the peace of the shores of the Pacific on a firm basis that has not been shaken yet; and it is noticeable that Japan is anxious that all those by which she benefits shall continue to subsist. The answer is that after setting the example of exclusive consideration of her own wishes, she cannot complain if other people do the same.

The reason quoted for the abrogation is so obviously flimsy that it has no force whatever, that the treaty has become out of date. The fact may be quite true; all treaties do need amendment from time to time. There would of course be no objection to amendments by mutual consent. The other reason, that the ratio, which was above that actually attained by Japan before the treaty was made, is hurtful to the national self-esteem, is little more than an appeal to the artificial feeling that has been worked up.

The real ground of the decision is simply that Japan expected that rather than allow her to retire from an agreement that has saved many millions of pounds to the signatories, the Naval Powers would recognise the Manchukuo Government. That is another question, on which it is enough to say at present that the threat of withdrawal did not intimidate anybody, and that nobody felt inclined for that form of bargaining. The outstanding result so far has been to drive the U.S.A. and England to a diplomatic entente in the Pacific that has often appeared to be very hard to secure, but which is now supported by France and Italy, and by the Dominions of Canada and Australia. The freedom from all mutual promises to economise on armaments has been somewhat dearly purchased.

COST OF OUT-RELIEF IN LONDON

During the current year out-relief is expected to cost London over £2,000,000. Already £1,800,000 has been sanctioned, and at the recent meeting of the L.C.C. Public Assistance Committee, a supplementary estimate for £150,000 was sent to the Council for approval.

HERE, THERE and EVERYWHERE

ESCAPE

The annual dinner of the Officers Prisoners of War Dining Club was held recently. Nearly all the members either escaped or attempted to escape from one of the German prison camps.

The club was originally confined to officers who had been at Holzminden. It was from this camp that the largest mass escape took place. Twenty-nine men succeeded in getting out of the camp by a tunnel. Eleven of them reached England.

There is a suggestion that next year the club should entertain some German officers who escaped from captivity during the war.

CAUGHT BY CHILDREN

After dinner members of the Club tell stories of their escapes. The leader of the Holzminden break-out, Mr. D. B. Gray, was not present at the recent dinner in London, but a vivid account of an escape which ended at the last moment in failure, was given by Mr. N. A. Birks.

Mr. Birks, by skilful train-jumping, succeeded in getting to within a few miles of the Dutch frontier. He decided to hide during the day in a disused windmill. One nail was missing, and he covered the hole with sackcloth to keep out the wind.

Germs knew he was in the district and urged the village children to search for him.

The mill was a favourite playground, and the sacking over the hole betrayed him to the sharp eyes of the children.

WAR IN THE AIR

The old and rather stupid complaint that the Churches do not "keep up with the times" (whatever "the times" may mean), is given the lie in the following advertisement. It appears in a staid Church of England journal.

Sussex World Rectory: Evangelical, who left Somerset Rectory for London Vicarage, early 1916, realising war again imminent, wishes negotiate tired or aged London Vicar for Exchange on actual outbreak of war. Middle-aged but at zenith of strength and vigour.

It is to be hoped that in this case the Rector is too ahead of the times.

Your Daily Smile!

Rivals for the America's Cup, we are told, have spent U.S.\$80,000,000, intending for a piece of hardware worth \$50. It would have been almost as cheap to settle the thing by a lawsuit.

Published records of property returned for taxation by movie stars show that three of the richest film actors are Charlie Chaplin, Harold Lloyd and Will Rogers. Our advice, then, to young men is "Go West and be funny."

Ahem!
"Every time I have an argument with my girl friend, I enter it in a small diary."
"Oh, I see. You keep a scrapbook."

Out of Order
A recent civil service examination question for a man to fire a marine boiler was this: "It takes 20 men to mow a field in eight hours, how long will it take 15 men to mow the same field?"

One candidate was too smart for the inquisitors. He wrote: "As the field has already been mowed by the 20 men, the 15 men could not mow it in any case."

A BURGLAR'S DIARY

Account Book and Acids
For Testing Jewels

A completely equipped burglar, who carried his housebreaking implements in a music satchel and kept a diary with entries in code concerning addresses in Birmingham, was sentenced to three years' penal servitude for housebreaking at Birmingham Quarter Sessions recently.

The man, George Edward Makin, aged 28, pleaded guilty to three counts of housebreaking, and the theft of jewellery. It was stated that he kept an account book concerning his income from his activities.

Chief Detective Inspector Hill said Makin described the code in the diary, saying certain letters were set against addresses. He also had a collection of metal weights and acids for testing precious metals.

CLAPHAM JUNCTION

2,500 TRAINS PASS IN
AND OUT DAILY

VITAL SPOT IN ENGLAND'S
RAILWAY SYSTEM

(By Basil Murray)

London. The largest station in the world is the Grand Central terminus in New York; for it has three storeys. On the top are offices, refreshment rooms and shops. Twenty feet underground there are 29 platforms for the reception and despatch of express trains. Twenty-four feet farther down there are another 16 platforms for local and suburban traffic.

The largest station in Great Britain is Victoria, which covers an area of 25 acres and has 24 platforms, one of which is 1500ft. long (No. 15: Brighton, and Newhaven boat trains). Next comes Waterloo with an area of 24½ acres and 21 platforms.

At Victoria about 1050 trains arrive and depart every 24 hours. At Waterloo the number is about 1550. Very nearly all the trains going to or from these two termini pass through Clapham Junction, which consequently deserves the title of "the busiest station in the world."

It is a curious place. For one thing, unless you go there by train it is hard to find. One entrance is through a gloomy yard and along a dark subway. Another is down a narrow passage between shops. A third, the front door of the station, is down a deserted, curling side street. Porters, although 35 of them are employed at the station, are scarce, and taxis even scarcer. But Clapham Junction is not interested in that sort of passenger.

Old-Fashioned Station

The station was the second to be built on what is now the Southern Railway system. Nine Elms was the original terminus (1840), and Clapham was built in the same year. It is still in many ways an old-fashioned station, poorly lit, ill-equipped with waiting and refreshment rooms, devoid of most of the conveniences which you will find at the great London termini and most important provincial stations. But from the traffic angle it is one of the wonders of the railway world.

In actual size it is almost as large as Waterloo. The station covers 24½ acres and in addition there are 10 acres of sidings (not counted as part of the station). There are 17 platforms and seven signal boxes. The staff numbers 425, of whom 43 are shunters and 27 signalmen. And in winter 2523 trains are dealt with by the Clapham Junction signalmen every twenty-four hours.

On holidays or race days the number may be considerably larger. The average size of a train is 10 coaches, with 60 passengers per coach. No station in the world can show traffic figures to equal these, though the Southern Railway officials themselves admit that the record for the number of passengers joining and leaving trains is the 250,000 claimed by Flanders-street, Melbourne.

The traffic at Clapham is unevenly distributed through the day. The peak loads pass from eight to ten in the morning and five to seven in the evening, the rush hours during which Londoners are travelling to and from their work. Twenty years ago there was a larger spread-over of this traffic. People started work at times varying from six to ten. Now almost everyone aims at reaching their offices between nine and ten.

2,000 People Per Minute

At the height of the rush hour a train passes Clapham Junction every 20 seconds. All these trains are heavily loaded and it is fair to say that at these periods 2,000 people pass through the station every minute.

Although the bulk of the traffic at the station is concentrated in the morning and evening rushes, there is no hour in the twenty-four when Clapham Junction is silent. After midnight, when the passenger trains have stopped, the great volume of goods traffic using the Southern Railway passes through the bottleneck. One of the chief commodities handled is milk. The United Dairies have a depot adjoining the station and milk is syphoned direct from the glass tanks in which it is brought from the country into con-

tainers, which carry it to the various retailers throughout London.

Clapham is also a link in the railway by-pass of London from North to South through the Kensington and Olympia line. The Sunny South Express from the Northern industrial centres to the seaside resorts of the South Coast passes through it, and both Great Western and L.M.S. trains use the station.

Complicated Signals

The other day I spent an hour in the main signal box at the peak of the rush hour.

It was an impressive experience. Three men were on duty in front of an elaborate piece of mechanism with keys like those of an organ. Above was a diagram of the track they controlled. Silver balls which switched to red as the trains entered a given section of track showed them exactly where the traffic they were directing was at any moment.

Below there is an interlocking mechanism, which makes it impossible for a signal to admit a train to a section when the points are wrong. In this box alone there are 108 different levers, each of which may control four signals, and beneath it run 17 tracks.

All the time there is a continuous symphony of bells, warning the signalmen of the type of train which is approaching and on which line it is running. There are 28 different kinds of bell signals, distinguished from each other by tone or rhythm or a mixture of both. For example, the warning of a stopping train is one ring, a pause, three rings, another pause, then three rings again. A down passenger express is signalled by three rings, a pause, and one ring.

Mechanical Safeguards

The work of the signalmen is hard and exacting, but the system of mechanical safeguards is so efficient that it is almost impossible for a failure of the human element to cause an accident. But carelessness or inattention might delay one train and dislocate the entire service. The men work in three eight-hour shifts, and there is a rule of silence in the signal box.

As I stood outside on the bridge I saw four trains passing underneath me simultaneously. Three were suburban electric, one was the down express from Waterloo to Plymouth. I was told that as many as twelve trains have been known to pass through the station simultaneously.

Clapham Junction is a fascinating place; it is also a highly vulnerable one. From the signal box one look across to the Battersea Power Station. One bomb on the turbines there and half England would be in the dark. Three bombs on Clapham Junction, and the whole of the South of England would be virtually cut off from London and the North by rail.

GRAND CANAL TO BE DREDGED

\$260,000 Allocated

Nanking, December 20. The National Economic Council decided to-day to appropriate a sum of \$260,000 as expenses for the dredging of the northern section of the Grand Canal in Shantung—Cheklai Agency.



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POLITICAL MOVES BEHIND THE SCENES

London, To-day.

At the annual meeting of the Chinese Engineering and Mining Company, Mr. W. F. Turner, the Chairman, commented that for the first time in the history of the Company, no dividend was being declared.

The general depression in Chinese trade, he said, had been accentuated by Chinese companies throwing coal on the market at any price.

The Company's sales were actually 4,134,000 tons, as compared with 4,005,000 tons for the previous year, but were made at seriously reduced prices. There had also been a series of strikes, but a more dangerous threat to their administration than any previous to these was not due to grievances of employees but were of a political nature, fomented from outside.

IMPROVEMENT SEEN
A considerable improvement was now visible, he said, but profits on a bygone scale were not to be hoped for while the trade depression lasts.

The Chairman paid a tribute to the new agreement with the Lan-chow Mining Co., ensuring closer co-operation, and expressed pleasure at the arrangement made with the Chinese Government regarding mining rights, which satisfactorily ended an anxious controversy of many years' duration.—Reuter.

NEW YEAR HONOURS FOR 1935

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Baronets:—Colonel Edward Archibald Ruggles-Brise, M.P., Mr. Richard Dunning Holt, M.P., partner of Alfred Holt and Co., shipowners; Sir Harold Mackintosh, of Halifax, Yorkshire; Colonel Frank Robert Simpson; and Sir Holburn Jacob Waring, President of the Royal College of Surgeons.

Knightships number 27, including Professors Charles Vernon Boys, F.R.S., A.R.S.M.; Walter Langdon Brown, M.A., M.D., F.R.C.P., Member of the General Medical Council; and Edward Bagnall Poulton, F.R.S., Hope Professor of Zoology in the University of Oxford; Mr. Walter Forrest, late M.P. for Batley; the Recorder of London, Mr. Holman Gregory; K.C.; Major Samuel Emile Harvey, M.P. for Totnes, Devon; Colonel John Joseph Shute, C.M.G., D.S.O., M.P. for the Exchange Division of Liverpool; and Mr. John Wallace, M.P. for Dunfermline Burghs.

Knight of the Garter: The Earl of Yarborough.

Knightships: Mr. Andrew Caldecott, C.M.G., Colonial Secretary, Straits Settlements; Mr. Samuel Joyce Thomas, C.M.G., Chief Justice, Federated Malay States; and Mr. Harold Fairburn, Inspector General of Police, Straits Settlements.

Honorary Companion of the Order of St. Michael and St. George: H. H. Halim Shah, Regent Designate of Kedah, Malay States.

Officer of the Order of the British Empire: Dr. G. D. R. Black, M.C., C.M., Lieut-Colonel Commanding, Medical Section, H.K.V.D.C., of Hong Kong.

Knight Commander of the Royal Victorian Order: Mr. William Reid Dick, R.A., President of the Royal Society of British Sculptors.

Besides the 27 new Knights in the Prime Minister's list, there were 29 other new Knightships conferred.

Royal Victorian Chain: The Earl of Derby, K.G., G.C.B., G.C.V.O., C.B., P.C.; and The Earl of Athlone, K.G., G.C.B., G.C.M.G., G.C.V.O., P.C., D.S.O.

Members of the Order of the British Empire: Captain Arshad and Warah, Officer: H. Farrow, Straits Settlements Volunteers; and Mr. Thomas McDonald, of H.B.M. Sub-Legation, Nanking.

Honorary Knight Commander of the Order of the British Empire: His Highness Sultan Tajuddin, Acting Regent of Kedah, Malay States.

Honorary Commander of the Order of the British Empire: His

REMARKABLE R.A.F. RECORD

Mileage Record Broken During Year

FEWER ACCIDENTS REPORTED

London, To-day. Royal Air Force squadrons achieved a remarkable new flying record in the 12 months just ended. Service aeroplanes flew a total distance of at least 47,000,000 miles, which is a greater mileage than in any previous year since the War.

Despite this new distance record, serious accidents were considerably fewer than in previous years and actually less than in 1921 when the Royal Air Force was about one-third of its present size and flew little more than one-tenth of the distance covered last year.

The record is all the more striking in view of the increased flying last year, in air exercises, and manoeuvres conducted as far as possible under active service conditions, and often at night.

Moreover, the R. A. F. performs patrol and policing duties over 1,000,000 square miles of territory and flies daily in three continents, much of the time in bad weather and over perilous country where engine failure must involve serious consequences.—British Wireless Service.

FANCY DRESS PARTY AT CHINESE "Y"

Ten Prize Winners At Jolly Function

Ample amusement and entertainment, such as music, community singing, a gymnastic display, and games, provided an enjoyable evening at the Chinese Y.M.C.A. New Year Fancy Dress party on Monday evening.

Ten people were adjudged the most uniquely dressed. They were Mrs. Yip, Miss Yip, Miss Tsui Siu-fai, Miss Lee, Miss Wu Wai-wah, Mr. Liang Kai-piu, Mr. Tam Pak-tai, Mr. Ho Chi-lun, Mr. Chung Yee-hung, Mr. Kwok Hing-cheung, and Mr. Lai Siu-pak.

The judges were Dr. W. H. Chu, Mr. Au Min-so, Miss Eva Yuan, and Mrs. Ho Tak-fan.

Messrs. C. W. Young, Chung Chik-keung and Leung Siu-on were responsible for the success of the function, which was attended by over 150 people.

EDUCATIONALISTS HONOURED

Ex-Minister At Chinese Merchants' Club

Dr. Ching Mung Ling, ex-Minister of Education in China, and Dr. Herman Liu, principal of the Shanghai College, are being entertained to a dinner party on Friday at the Chinese Merchants' Club, China Building.

Drs. Ching and Liu arrived here on Saturday by the s.s. President Jackson, after attending the Educational Conference in Manila, and will give a brief talk on the development of education in the Far East and China in General.

NO DEVELOPMENT IN SHIPPING DISPUTE

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Captain W. E. Kirby, Secretary of the China Coast Officers' Guild, although he waited until 7.10 p.m. last night.

Only the second engineer and the chief officer on the s.s. Lee Hong have been discharged.

Numerous unemployed British Officers were approached yesterday by some of the owners of the ships concerned in the strike and were offered presents and good salaries to "sign on." These offers were, however, flatly refused.

Highness the Undang of Jelobu.

Officers of the Order of the British Empire: Bella, Lady Southern, Hong Kong; Mr. Wee Swee-boon, Straits Settlements; and Mr. J. L. McPherson, J.P. (unofficial), Hong Kong.

Medals of the Order of the British Empire: Mr. L. B. Boyack, of H.B.M. Consulate, Shanghai; and Ali bin Tuah, Straits Settlements Police.

To-day's Short Story.

It's A Free Country

By Alma & Paul Ellerbe

"WHAT makes you so pig-headed?" Sallie Burgess said. "Why don't you come in with the rest of us? You'll have the whole place down on you if you don't watch out. I've come here about this thing as a friend half a dozen times, but now I've come as the chairman of the Village Improvement Association. Are you going to paint your house white, or aren't you? The association's waiting for my report."

Olivia Pratt, aged sixty-two, looked placating, apologetic; but her older sister Caroline set her wide, firm mouth in a straight, strong line.

"Sallie Burgess," she said—Sallie knew that whenever Caroline used her full name ultimatums were likely to follow—"Sallie Burgess, as one of the best friends we've ever had, you're always welcome in this house, and you know it; but as a representative of that fool association, you'd a lot better stay home and darn your stockings, and you know that, too; and that's the report you can go back and give the Association—with or without our complicity, just as you please."

"We really can't let the village meddle in our private affairs," said Olivia in a conciliatory tone.

"But this is not your private affairs. In the circumstances, it's everybody's! We had one of the best landscape artists in the country tell us that every house on Elm-street ought to be painted white, and you are the only people who haven't agreed."

"Nobody on earth can tell me," Caroline Pratt said grimly, "what I've got to believe or say or do inside of my own fence. This house was yellow when our great-grandfather built it; it's been yellow ever since; and it's going to be yellow when Olivia and I are buried and it passes on to Theo's boy, Ralph." Theodore Pratt was their brother and Ralph their only heir.

"Where do you think you're living, anyway—Russia, or Germany, or Italy, or where? There are some respects in which this is a free

country even yet. And as long as it is, our house stays yellow. And now, Olivia, suppose we get human again and give Sallie some tea. I'm fond of you, Sallie, personally, but officially you're a pest."

"But we're not done with it yet," Olivia said anxiously when their visitor had departed. "What with the Help Week coming along—everybody sprucing up—giving jobs to the unemployed and everything—and us doing nothing."

"There's nothing we need to do. We did it all before this nonsense got started. As if I'd wait for somebody else to come along and tell me my place was untidy."

"I wish we could go away somewhere next week, just the same," Olivia said; and went out to the kitchen to start supper.

TO-MORROW'S STORY

To-morrow's story will be "Unhappy Hunting Grounds," by Strawson Fletcher.

But she came back almost at once, and said, a bit breathlessly, spots of colour on her high cheeks, the blue deeper than usual in her eyes: "We could go to the Fair, you know."

"That's a wild idea," Caroline said, looking up from the local paper. They had never been far from their village.

"If we're ever," Olivia said a little wistfully, "to see anything of the world, it's time we were starting."

Four days later they went. And forty-eight hours after that Theodore Pratt, their brother from Manchester, clicked, the little, old-fashioned front gate and strolled in. He had thought how nice it would be to surprise them. He felt faintly indignant at their absence—somehow as he would have felt if the little yellow house itself had been off playing tennis.

However, he got the key from a neighbour, made himself at home, and wired his sisters not to hurry. He hadn't seen the house and village of his birth for a long time. It would be rather pleasant to rub up against them first alone.

He was tired, and went to bed; but the next morning behold him poking about early in the yard—a genial, middle-aged man, practically a city man now, he had lived there so long—with keen, humorous eyes that thrust their way vigorously through thick-lensed glasses; Caroline's wide mouth; a touch of Olivia's gentleness in his eyes; an easy carriage and a friendly manner. An old, evil-smelling pipe tucked out of his mouth.

After a while he put on his coat and shoes and, full of mellowness and reminiscences, strolled down town for a late breakfast—to find himself in the midst of such a flurry and bustle as to his mind didn't fit his serene old village at all.

"What," he said to Ezra Prentiss, "after they had shaken hands and passed the time of day about several other things—'what's all the bustle for?'"

"Help Week. Sort of special clean-up effort—help the unemployed. Everyone's doing it round here...."

He began to observe the effects of the effort and to realize that every house in Elm-street was white now except, of course, his sisters'—and then it struck him how much better it would look if that were white too.

"Guess they couldn't afford to paint it and go to the Fair too," he thought. And then his brain-wave came. "I can afford it!" he thought, and slapped his thigh with the morning paper. His heart pounded in his substantial chest. "I'll have it all ready for them as a surprise," he thought. "I'll please them both!"

And so the end of his third day found the little house freshly white. Standing before it as the last ladder was withdrawn, Theodore Pratt beamed with a sense of achievement and brotherly affection.

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CARDINAL BOURNE

SUDDEN DEATH AFTER MIDNIGHT

Only Nurse Present At Bedside

ORAINED IN 1884

London, To-day.

His Eminence Cardinal Francis Bourne, Catholic Archbishop of Westminster, who had been critically ill over the week-end, became weaker late on Monday night, and died suddenly, 25 minutes after midnight.

Only a nurse was present at his bedside.—Reuter.

The late prelate was appointed to the See of Westminster in 1903, and created Cardinal in 1911.

Born in March, 1861, at Clapham, he was educated at St. Cuthbert's College, Ushaw, and St. Edmund's of Ware, then going to St. Sulpius, Paris, and the University of Louvain.

He was ordained a priest in 1884, and, after serving as Curate at Blackheath, St. Mary Magdalene's, Mortlake, and West Grinstead, Sussex, he was appointed Rector of Southwark Diocesan Seminary in 1889.

He was named Domestic Prelate to Leo XIII the following year and was appointed titular Bishop of Epiphania and Coadjutor to the Bishop of Southwark in 1896. The following year he was made Bishop of Southwark.

He has written extensively, on

Body Removed To Westminster

London, to-day.

The body of Cardinal Bourne, who died early yesterday morning, was yesterday afternoon removed to Westminster Cathedral where it is lying in state on the Catafalque. To-day and to-morrow the public will pay their last tributes to him there. The funeral will take place on Friday, and the Archbishop will be buried at St. Edmund's College, Ware, Hertfordshire.—British Wireless Service.

SUDDEN DEATH OF SHIP'S OFFICER

Chief Engineer Of Local Steamer

FOUND DEAD IN CABIN LAST NIGHT

Lying huddled up with his head towards the door, Mr. Samuel McDermid, chief engineer of the s.s. Anjou was found dead in his cabin at 8.45 p.m. yesterday by Captain E. P. Smith.

It appears that Mr. McDermid was getting ready to go ashore at about 7.30 p.m. when he was suddenly attacked with pains in the abdomen, and began vomiting. Captain Smith advised him to go to the hospital, but he refused and said that it was not serious. He was placed on his bunk in the cabin and was told to knock on the partition dividing his cabin from the Captain's, if he should need anything.

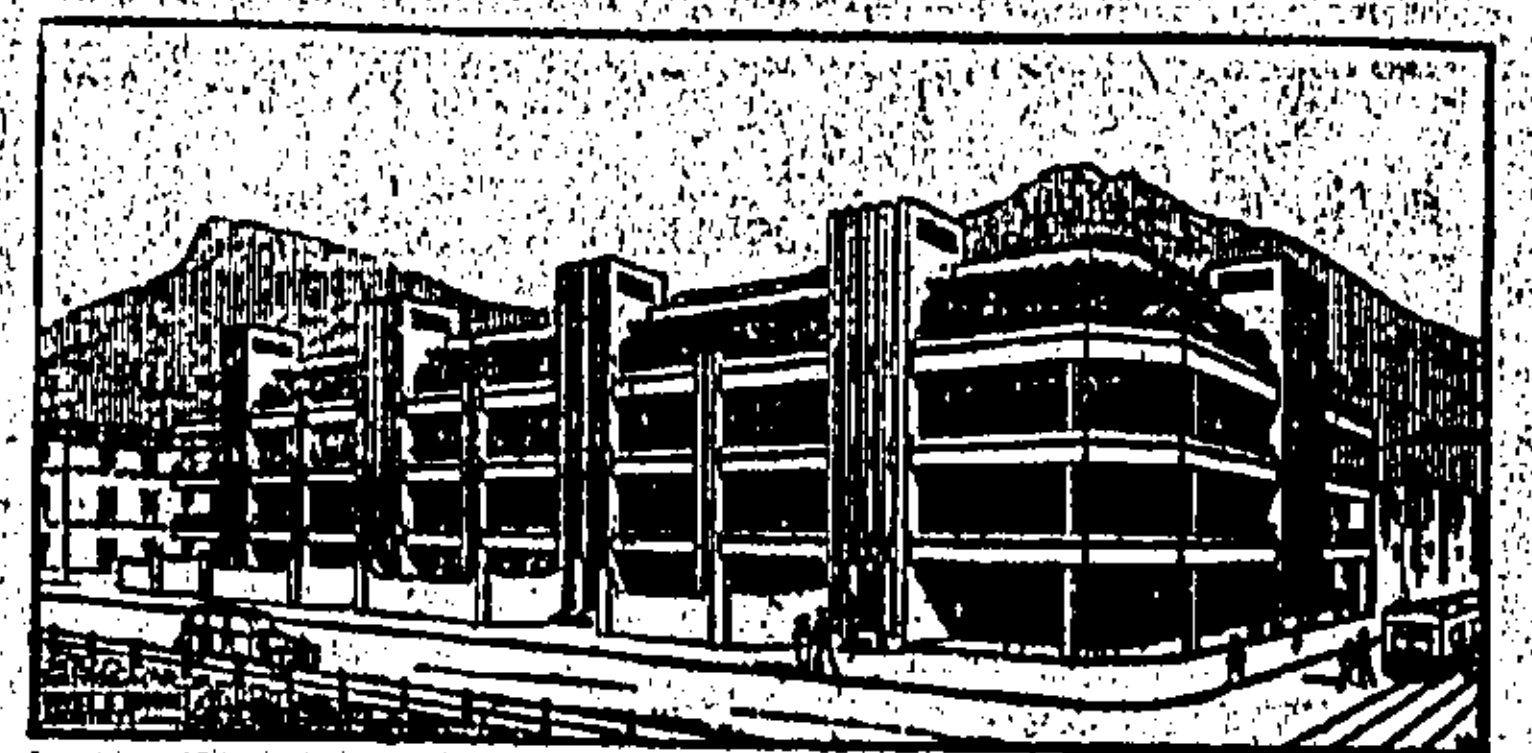
A little later he knocked and asked the captain for some money to enable him to go home. Just before going ashore the captain, on looking into Mr. McDermid's cabin to see whether he had gone home, found him lying dead on the floor.

The police were immediately informed and an ambulance called. The body was removed to the mortuary but the cause of death is not yet known. The funeral will take place this afternoon.

AIR VICE-MARSHAL NEWALL'S NEW APPOINTMENT

London, to-day. Air Vice-Marshal Newall has been appointed an additional member of the Air Council, and will be responsible for the administration of the Directorate of Organisation, equipment and works and buildings. He was appointed Air Officer-Commanding the R.A.F. in the Middle East in 1931.

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ADEQUATE NAVY FOR DEFENCE

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"We can only adhere to a naval agreement profoundly modifying the Washington Treaty in principle and details," declared M. Pietri Minister of Marine, when defining the French attitude to the coming naval conference.

Present conditions, taken as a whole, and above all the marked entry of Germany into the naval game, made it impossible that the Treaty could have been maintained.

France had not denounced the Treaty simultaneously with Japan because her reasons for disliking it were not the same as Japan's, he concluded.—Reuter.

HITLER'S MESSAGE

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After cleansing the Nazi Party of unworthy elements last summer it was more than ever the actual political will of the nation that "The fates and fantasy-makers who imagine they can split the Nazi German People in two and overthrow the regime which they hate, by a flood of written lies and insinuations, will be refuted by the same hard reality in 12 months' time as in the year just past," he continued. "We wish our people nothing better than a life in honour and peace, thus, with God's help, our work will succeed in securing for the nation its daily bread as well," he concluded.—Reuter.

FURTHER BRAWLING IN THE SAAR

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Major Hennessey Chief of the International Police has ordered six policemen to be suspended from duty but it is denied that this is due to their mishandling of prisoners. It is unofficially reported, to be due to their alleged failure to maintain a neutral attitude.—Reuter.

The local police arrested some Socialists and Communists, who were alleged to have been severely man-handled by the police after arrest.

GERMANY GREET'S NEW YEAR

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He added that Germany, which longed for peace and an opportunity for peaceful internal reconstruction, would always be a secure guarantor of peace.

In regard to the relations among peoples, he said he saw no problem which could not be amicably solved if dealt with in a friendly spirit. He could not believe that good will was lacking to-day in responsible persons abroad.

GOEBBES' BAND PARADES
New Year's Day's celebrations officially opened with a march through the main streets of Gernersheim.

Goebbels' police band, after which Reichsführer Hitler received the supreme command of the navy and army and the Papal Nuncio who, as doyen of the Corps, presented him with diplomatic felicitations, remaining in the world peace took first rank among all the good things which the world was longing for.

K.C.C. NEW YEAR'S EVE FANCY DRESS CARNIVAL

Four Prize-Winners

Mrs. Hale, dressed as a shepherdess, and Mrs. McCloskie, as modern jazz, won the ladies' fancy dress prizes at the Kowloon Cricket Club's New Year's Eve Carnival. Mr. Wallace Harper, as a Cossack, and Mr. D. S. Green, as a Chocolate Soldier, won the men's prizes.

Over 350 people were present at a most enjoyable function at which dancing continued until 3 a.m.

HOPEFUL OUTLOOK FOR 1935

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sterling, while in the event of a general election there are bound to be heavy withdrawals of capital owing to fears of a possible socialist victory.

On the contrary should continental nervousness develop, sterling should show a slow rather than a sharp recovery. Finally, the anomalous position of sterling, which is undervalued in France and overvalued in dollars, is obviously untenable in the long run.

COMMODITIES
In regard to commodities, the biggest problem is whether America's King Cotton will be dethroned by outside growths. Wheat is uncertain owing to the possibility of a radical post-election change in Canada's selling policy. Rubber should benefit as the full effects of restriction begin to be felt, especially since world automobile production is expected to increase, while copper is likely to be the most active base metal owing to the possibility of restriction.

In view of American policy and the efforts of the Chinese to arrest the outward drain of the metal, there appears to be justification for the view that silver will continue a steady advance with occasional recessions.—Reuter.

CONFIDENCE IS KEYNOTE FOR 1935 IN UNITED STATES

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It is fairly generally recognised that the larger part of the improvement is due to the lavish Government expenditure, and the hope of a substantial business revival this year still centres very largely upon Governmental activities.

INDUSTRIAL PROGRAMME
The Administration is preparing a comprehensive industrial rehabilitation programme. There are signs that the recent rapprochement between the Government and business is to be extended if possible.

Industrial leaders are trying to determine how far they can go along with the Administration. While opinions differ greatly and unanimity on the programme seems distant, there seems little doubt about the final outcome, a responsible, quarters well recognise that lasting recovery can be effected only by closer co-operation between the Administration and business.

According to the same authority, President Roosevelt having an appreciation of the fact that the U.S. Navy for naval construction during the fiscal year 1935.

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LIVERPOOL via Port Said, Beyrouth, Istanbul, Piraeus, Genoa and Valencia.		
DURBAN MARU	Sunday, 18th Jan.	
CALCUTTA via Singapore, Penang & Rangoon.		
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C.P.R. HEAD'S NEW YEAR MESSAGE

Optimistic Vision Of Future

TRIBUTE TO STAFF

The following is a copy of telegram from Mr. E. W. Beatty, K.C., Chairman & President, Canadian Pacific Railway Co., Montreal, to Mr. D. Drummond, Oriental Manager, Hong Kong.

"To all Officers and employees. In my New Year's message to the Officers and employees of December 1934 I suggested that if the improvement then observable continued we might look forward to a brighter year in 1935 than that which was then closing. The improvement did continue with the result that the Company has had moderate increases in its gross and net earnings during the current year. Though the role of a prophet is a very hazardous one in these rapidly changing times I feel that the improvement of 1934 will be continued into 1935 and it is highly desirable that it should do so because the costs of operation during the coming year will probably be substantially increased.

"It is very gratifying to be able to record that the officers and employees of the Company have met the abnormal conditions with courage and efficiency, that there has been no lessening in their morale and that they have retained their confidence in the country and in their own Company. I know of no greater asset which the Company possesses than the spirit of the officers and employees of all ranks.

"I sincerely wish you all and the members of your families a Happy and prosperous New Year and I am fully confident that in 1935 the Company will continue to enjoy the benefits and advantages of your unselfish and loyal support of its interests.

E. W. BEATTY.

NEW VESSELS FOR FAR EAST SERVICE

Details Of Scharnhorst And Gneisenau

N.D.L. ENTERPRISE

The chief dimensions of the steam "Scharnhorst" and "Gneisenau" now under construction at the yards of the Deutsche Schiff- und Maschinenbau Aktiengesellschaft, Werk Act. Ges. "Weser," and which will be placed in the Far Eastern Service of the Norddeutsche Lloyd, Bremen in this year, are as follows:

Length between the perpendiculars ... 610 ft.
 Breadth moulded ... 73 ft. 9 1/2 inches
 Height of sides of the Main Deck ... 44 ft. 11 inches
 Depth of Bulkheads ... 29 ft.
 Dead-weight all told about 11,000 tons.

Each steamer will be measured for about 18,000 tons gross. Each steamer will be able to carry roundly 300 passengers in the first-class and tourist-class, and the crew of each steamer will number about 265 men.

It is proposed to entrust the command of the "Scharnhorst" to Captain Walther Stein of the s.s. "Coblenz."



The only Uruguayan co-ed ever to enroll at Ohio State university in Columbus, O., is Miss Delta Lopez Ibarburu, above, who hails from her nation's capital, Montevideo. Winner of a year's fellowship, the South American seniorita travelled more than 6,500 miles to study social sciences in America.

ROBBERIES FROM PEAK DWELLING

Numerous Articles Stolen

UNEMPLOYED CHINESE REMANDED

Li Sau-ki, alias Li Kwan, a 42-year-old unemployed, was charged before Mr. W. Schofield at the Central Magistracy, on Monday morning, with a series of thefts of articles, valued at \$392, from No. 4 Tregunter Mansions, The Peak, and No. 351 The Peak.

The charges against defendant were that (a) on or about November 30 he did steal one travelling clock and a fountain pen, to the value of \$37, property of Mr. John Ross from No. 4 Tregunter Mansions; (b) on May 17 he did steal two table clocks, two fountain pens, four wooden elephants and a pair of scissors, to the total value of \$149, property of Mr. A. B. Stewart, from No. 351 The Peak; (c) on June 19 he did steal one topoe, one ivory elephant bridge and three small ivory figures, to the total value of \$36, property of Mr. John Ross, from No. 4 Tregunter Mansions; (d) on December 6 he did steal one blanket, one telescope, two wooden carvings and one bath towel, to the total value of \$100, property of Mr. John Ross from No. 4 Tregunter Mansions; (e) on December 27 he did steal one pair of gold cuff links valued at \$85, property of Mr. A. B. Stewart from No. 351 The Peak, and that on December 27 he did steal one ruby finger ring and a chromium brooch, valued at \$35, property of Miss Hussey from No. 351 The Peak.

On the application of Sub-Inspector M. Murphy, accused was remanded for 48 hours.

TREADING WEALTH UNDERFOOT

Josephine Klay, of Bluffton, Ohio, took a pair of shoes to be mended. The repairer found a diamond worth \$70 embedded in one of the rubber heels.

SANDAKAN LIGHT AND POWER CO.

Loss Of \$18,608.70 On Year's Working

REVENUE DECREASES

A loss of \$18,608.70 was reported by Mr. A. L. Shields, the Chairman of the Sandakan Light and Power Company, (1922) Limited, at the Company's twelfth ordinary annual general meeting, held at the Head Office, National Bank Building, on Monday afternoon.

There were present the Hon. Mr. J. P. Braga, Mr. C. A. da Rosa and Mr. S. M. Churn (Directors), Mr. D. W. Munton (Consulting Engineer), Mr. Noel Braga (Secretary), and the following shareholders: Messrs. I. W. Shewan, F. J. Tavares, A. A. Botelho and J. Toppin.

In the course of his report, the Chairman said: "The balance at the credit of working account for the year under review is \$10,541.77 as against \$7,342.52 for last year which, under the circumstances, your Board consider satisfactory. Although revenue decreased considerably, operating expenses have been correspondingly reduced and reflect credit on our Manager and Resident Engineer in Sandakan.

"Depreciation on our plant and stores has been provided for on the usual basis and as recommended by our technical staff. We have provided the sum of \$33,349.50 for depreciation in market value of our investments at the end of the financial year. The loss for the year under review is \$18,608.70, which after taking in the small balance brought forward from last year, leaves a debit balance on Profit and Loss Account of \$17,281.80."

Mr. S. M. Churn seconded Mr. Shields' motion that the Report and Accounts be adopted. This was passed unanimously. The Hon. Mr. J. P. Braga and Mr. S. M. Churn were re-elected Directors on the motion of Mr. F. J. Tavares, seconded by Mr. J. Toppin.

Messrs. Lowe, Bingham and Matthews and Messrs. Percy Smith, Seth and Fleming were re-appointed Auditors at a remuneration of \$350 each, on the motion of Mr. A. A. Botelho, seconded by Mr. F. J. Tavares.

MORE ELECTRICITY USED IN HOMES

Low Accident Average

A White Paper regarding electrical accidents in 1933, published last month, shows that of the 21 deaths on domestic premises which are included in the 91 fatalities reported to the Factory Department, 14 were due to the use of defective portable apparatus, seven cases being in bathrooms.

The total number of reportable accidents was 846, of which 25 were fatal. The total was again well below the five-years-average.

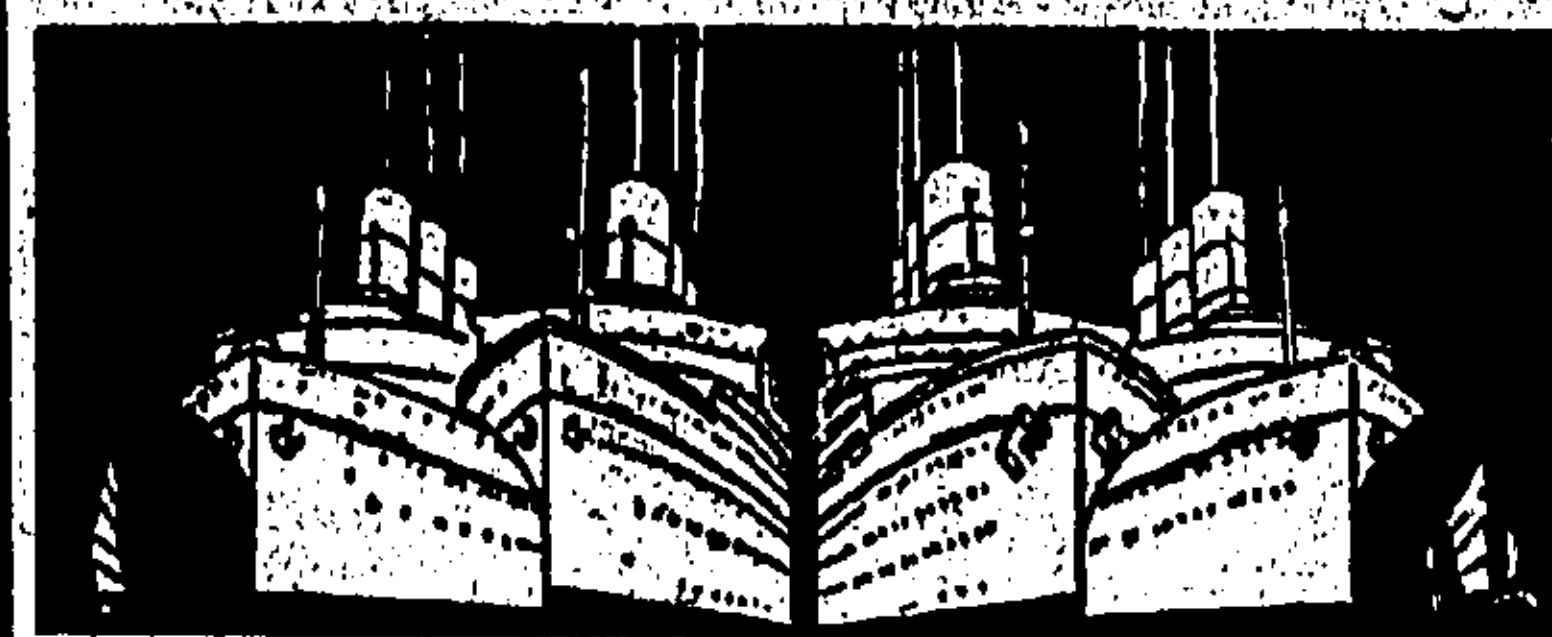
A point of significance, it is remarked, is the more or less stationary annual number of accidents in the past 10 years, in view of the increased use of electricity. The number of units sold in 1923 was 4,339 millions, as compared with 10,097 millions in 1932.

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BRITAIN'S REVENUE RETURNS
Adverse Margin For Nine Months
INCOME TAX MAY YET PRODUCE SURPLUS
 London, To-day.
 Although there is some disappointment here over the nine months' revenue figures when comparing them with last year's, it is generally opined that they are fairly satisfactory. As pointed out last year's nine months' deficit became a substantial balance by Budget day.
 This year's wide adverse margin is due largely to the expansion of supplementary expenditures in distressed areas made by the Unemployment Assistance Board, while these notwithstanding no payments were made to the United States.
 Whether a surplus will again be available on Budget day depends entirely on the buoyancy of the income tax returns. The Times points out that one lesson is to be learned from the revenue figures; the necessity on the part of the Government to keep strict control of expenditure, otherwise all hopes of a further remission of taxes will disappear and a Budget deficit will again loom up.—Reuter.

U.S. SHIPYARD OUTPUT SMALLEST SINCE 1908
But Navy Building Augurs Well For 1935
INDUSTRIAL PROFITS SHOW 70 PER CENT. INCREASE
 New York, To-day.
 The output of American shipyards for 1934 is estimated at 240 merchant ships totalling 75,567 tons and 10 naval vessels totalling 70,600 tons, the smallest output since 1908, but the outlook for 1935 is described as encouraging, chiefly owing to the Navy's building programme.
 According to a business survey made by the Federal Reserve Board, industrial profits for the first nine months of the year showed an increase of 70 per cent. over the corresponding period of last year. The increase is due chiefly to increased earnings in the first six months. Profits of the utility and railroad companies are below those of last year.
 The Board estimates that cash returns to the farmers for the first 10 months of 1934 amounted to \$5,045,000,000, as compared with \$4,093,000,000 last year.—Reuter.

CUSTOMS REVENUE DECREASE
\$4,900,000 Less Than Last Year
AMOY ALONE HOLDS OWN
 Nanking, To-day.
 Customs revenue during 1934 decreased by \$4,900,000, as compared with last year, according to the returns issued by the Minister of Finance, Dr. H. H. Kung.
 There was an increase of revenue in Amoy only, a decrease being registered at Shanghai, Tientsin, Kiaochow, Hankow, Canton, Kowloon, and Swatow.—Reuter.
LOCAL DOLLAR STEADY
Silver Prices Unquoted
 The local dollar is steady, opening on demand this morning at 1/8 1/2.
 Spot and forward silver prices were not quoted owing to the market being closed.
 The London on New York cross-rates was quoted at \$-U.S.\$4.94 1/2, as compared with \$-U.S.\$4.98 1/2. The New York on London rate was not quoted owing to the holiday.
NEW DESTROYERS DUE TO-MORROW
Diana Left Behind At Singapore
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BRITISH TREASURY RETURNS
 London, To-day.
 Treasury returns for nine months of the financial year show revenue at £413,000,000, a decrease of nearly £3,000,000, as compared with the corresponding period of last year, with expenditure at £523,000,000, an increase of £9,000,000. The deficit stands at £110,000,000, as compared with £98,000,000 a year ago.
 Heavy additional expenditure not provided for in the Budget is still to be accounted for, and uncertainty with regard to some items of revenue discourage optimism in regard to the outcome of the Budget for the year ending March 31, but present indications are that there will be a small surplus.—Reuter.

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Reiterates Opposition Against Bonus Bill
 Washington, To-day.
 In an obvious effort to head off the strong movement in Congress for the immediate payment of the War Veterans' Bonus, President Roosevelt has made public the letter he sent to Commander Garland R. Farmer, of the American Legion post at Henderson, Texas.
 In the letter the President reiterates his opposition to the immediate payment of the cash bonus, contending that the obligation was not due until 1945 and would prove most costly.
 He says also that past experience had shown that full payment did not result in much stimulus to business.—Reuter.

EUMORFOPOULOS ART COLLECTION
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 London, To-day.
 Arrangements have been made for the British and Victoria and Albert Museums jointly to acquire the famous and rare collection of Chinese and Far Eastern works of art made by the late Mr. George Eumorphopoulos, for £100,000.
 The public is being invited to contribute towards the cost, and Sir Percival Davis and the Universities of China Committee have already contributed.
 The cost is admitted by experts to be far less than what the collection would fetch at a public auction.—Reuter.